

## AFFIDAVIT MADE BY ANNA GATES, CHARGING TERRIBLE MISTREATMENT

### SAID SHE WAS MADE VICTIM BY PARENT

Walked Distance of About Fifteen Miles on Saturday to Home of J. A. Riggs, in Speers, Where She is Now

### HEARING THIS AFTERNOON

Anna Gates, the 17 year old girl from Axleton, across the river from Monongahela, who has been missing since Saturday, has been found, and as a result her foster father, Frederick G. Chambers, is under arrest charged with a serious crime. The girl is at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Riggs in Speers and under the care of a physician. This morning she made affidavit to charges alleged last night.

A hearing will be given Mr. Chambers this afternoon before Justice of the Peace Emory Graham, of Forward township, Allegheny county. Mr. Graham received the affidavit of the girl this morning. In the presence of Humane Agent William Gelder of Charleroi, who made the information against the man. He will be held for court, and lodged, it is most likely, in jail at Pittsburgh this afternoon to await action. Specific charges of a serious nature have been made against the man by Mr. Gelder. It was necessary to hear the case in Allegheny county from the fact that the crimes are said to have been committed in that county.

According to the girl's story she left Monongahela at about 8 o'clock Saturday morning, and with no definite intention in mind but to get away from the community walked toward Hazel Kirk. Passing through that place she struck off through the country, going southward. Along the road she met an arrigman, and was allowed to ride with him to Speers. Then he gave her a quarter, and having heard a part of her story, told her to stay over night at Speers and in the morning return home. She went to the home of Mrs. S. T. Jackman, first and asked to be allowed to stay all night. Mrs. Jackman, who is a widow, referred her to the Riggs home. She went there at about 5 o'clock, and inquired at the back door for work offering to receive as pay either her board or her clothing. In fact she seemed willing to accept any proposition at all that would give her shelter.

Mrs. Riggs told the girl she was not in need of anyone, whereupon the girl, breaking into tears, asked that she be allowed to stay all night. After speaking to Mr. Riggs, the girl was brought in and given supper. She did not eat much, despite the fact that she had apparently been long without food. She was given a bed and retired. The next morning, she was ill, and Mrs. Riggs, who is a trained nurse, insisted that Anna remain in bed, but the girl said she must be up and on her way, giving

the impression that she did not want to impose on hospitality.

Mrs. Riggs prepared a good breakfast for her, but she did not eat scarcely anything. By this time, Anna was so ill that Mrs. Riggs sent her to bed. During the day she was taken care of by the good woman, who was rewarded by having the girl tell her terrible tale of suffering and of woe. Dr. J. W. Gordon of Belle Vernon was called in during the evening.

During all this time, the Riggs people were not aware that the foster parents were searching and did not learn it until Monday evening. Tuesday afternoon Mrs. Riggs came to Charleroi and saw Officer McDowd, Humane Agent Gelder and Chief of Police Albright. The latter notified Chief of Police Chester of Monongahela and suggested that he bring Mr. Chambers and come to Charleroi.

At 6 o'clock, Messrs. Gelder, Albright, Chester, and Chambers and a representative of the Mail went to the Riggs home. Mr. Chambers expecting to get the girl and bring her home. There the story of Mrs. Riggs was heard, then Mr. Gelder and Mr. Chester, with Mrs. Riggs, went to the room of Anna, and heard her story. They returned and arrested Chambers. He was brought to Charleroi and kept in the lockup here over night. This morning he was taken to his home at Axleton.

The girl's story and affidavit was in effect that since she was 14 years of age Mr. Chambers has forced her to be criminally intimate with him, which continued secretly until recently when she determined to run away. She said that at one time she had tried to commit suicide, although she knew it was wrong.

### GRAND JURY WORKING HARD

Disposed of Several Cases of Interest Yesterday

Henry Sassi, a liquor agent who solicited orders at Cherry Valley, entered a plea of guilty yesterday morning to selling liquor without license. He represented a Pittsburgh firm. On this plea of guilty this also being his first offense—he was given the minimum sentence, a fine of \$500 and costs and three months in jail.

Six months to the workhouse, the costs and a fine of \$1 was the sentence imposed yesterday on Martin Kickaskis, who had been convicted of malicious mischief. The case was taken up Monday and was given to the jury yesterday. The offense was committed at Marianna, and the defendant was charged with exploding dynamite in the streets.

Mary Bark of Bulger, was found guilty of selling liquor without license and on Sunday. Judge Taylor gave her the usual sentence, her fines totaling \$550, and her term of imprisonment, three months and 20 days.

Maria Serrano, an Italian woman residing in the Fifth ward, Washington, against whom the grand jury returned a true bill last week on the strength of a return made by Constable S. C. Enoch and who was charged with selling liquor illegally

### BURGLARS ENTER CHARLEROI FREIGHT HOUSE, BUT FAIL TO GET ANYTHING

Frightened Away by Incoming Freight Trains and Conductor—Chased Along Tracks For Distance.

The Charleroi freight house was broken open last night by would-be burglars whose fortune or misfortune it was to be frightened away before they could get anything. They were seen by a freight conductor of a train that pulled in at about midnight, and chased northward along the tracks for some distance, finally to be lost sight of.

Entry was made into the office by means of one of the windows. The screen shutter was removed and then with a beer bottle, from a case that

was setting on the platform, a panel of the window was broken, allowing room to thrust the hand through. The window was unlocked and thrown open. After having pulled open some of the drawers and searching for valuables they were alarmed by a freight coming in, and when the conductor made his appearance on the platform it is supposed made their exit.

The seals on two cars were found to have been tampered with, but nothing was taken so far as learned.

### REBUILDING OLD PIKE MEN HERE

State Highway Department Delegation Seeks Aid of Congressman Tener on Project

### MUST BE IN BY SEPT. 9

Following a recent inspection trip of State Highway Commissioner Joseph W. Hunter reconstruction and improvement work will be started on the old National road between Washington and West Brownsville within the next few months. Bids for the work are advertised for today, the bids to be in the office of the State Highway Commissioner at Harrisburg not later than September 9 of this year.

Two sections of roadway are to be put in good condition at this time. One section leading from the borough line of Washington eastward to near the village of Pancake will be improved while similar work will be done on a section leading from the west end of the bridge over the Monongahela river at West Brownsville westwardly into the borough of Centerville to the entrance of the farm of John Elliott.

The plans and specifications for this road work has been drawn up and copies are on file at the office of the Washington county commissioners and at Harrisburg.

and on Sunday was placed on trial yesterday afternoon.

Three witnesses testified to securing beer at the Serrano home, two of the men stating they had paid for the amber fluid while the third said he had laid the money on the stove. The woman on the stand flatly denied that she had ever sold beer, but declared that all the beer brought to the house had been either for herself or her boarders. The case was given to the jury just at the adjournment of court and shortly after the jury reached an agreement. A sealed verdict was to be returned this morning.

### TRANSFERS BEING MADE OF MACBETH- EVANS GLASS PLANT

A number of the employees of the Macbeth-Evans Glass Plant of this place have been transferred to South Side, Pittsburgh, on account of the opening up of a new factory there. All the five plants are either now running, or will be put in operation soon by the Macbeth people for the first time since the panic.

Mrs. Casper Hein of Pittsburgh, and Mrs. E. W. Sisley of Fayette City, are spending the day with their aunt, Mrs. L. R. Walters.

## QUESTION OF BLACK POWDER CAUSES STRIKE AT MONGAH

Tarleton Sold to the Pittsburgh Club

Former Charleroi Player, With "Bill" McKechnie, to Report at End of Season

President Dreyfus of the Pittsburgh National league club has announced the purchase of two star players of the Wheeling club, both products of the P. O. M. league of two years ago. One of these is "Bob" Tarleton, the former Charleroi manager, captain and first baseman, and William McKechnie, the former star third baseman of the Washington club. The players will report at the close of the championship season in Wheeling.

### DONORA FOR FIRST TIME IN THE RING

Has Candidate and One Who is Well Able to Take Care of Job

### PAYMASTER AT BIG PLANT

The bitter contest which developed in the ranks of the Republican party of Washington county over the nomination of a candidate for the new office of county controller created a favorable opportunity for an independent Republican to step into the breach. Of the active candidates who were first to enter, neither was willing to compromise and it appeared that a serious rupture would follow the nomination.

At this time Donora, the big steel town of the Monongahela valley, came forward with a candidate in the person of Orion G. Frazier, chief timekeeper and paymaster at the steel works of the American Steel and Wire company. Ranking second in valuation of all the thriving towns of the county and with a population of 8,000, Donora has never been represented in any county office, even a clerkship. But one man in Donora has heretofore asked support for a county office and his name was withdrawn before the printing of the ballots.

Mr. Frazier has been a resident of Donora practically since the town was founded. He engaged in the grocery business during his first year there and then retired from the mercantile business to accept employment with the steel company. His ability won rapid promotion until he attained the important position he now holds. As paymaster he has charge of the distribution of over a million dollars paid out in wages to employees each year. He is now serving his sixth year as a member of the Donora School board, of which he is also secretary. During his two terms the board has financed three school buildings, aggregating an investment of \$160,000.

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Meeting Held Last Night at Which President Feehan was Present

### OFFICIALS BECOME HUFFY

State That Now Owing to Difficulties They Will Not Allow the Mines to be Opened Up

A meeting held last night at Monongahela by the miners of the Monongahela Consolidated Coal and Coke company to reach a possible settlement of a strike declared yesterday resulted in nothing. Francis Feehan, president of District No. 5, United Mine Workers, was present at the meeting and, it is said, after hearing the account of the trouble advised the men to go back to work, but now the mine officials step in and state they will not under any circumstances reopen the mine. The trouble is over the use of carbonite.

The mines have been closed for about five days for repairs. It was to resume yesterday. The miners, between 250 and 300 in number, refused to go to work, unless they be allowed to use black powder as formerly. The State inspectors have advised the use of carbonite in mines, but this is said to be more expensive to the miners, and the officials of the Monongahela mine refuse to reimburse them. Here is where the kick lies.

President Feehan at the meeting stated as having said that the mine did wrong in striking without an official investigation. He was of the opinion that if matters had been properly handled, a settlement could have been reached.

The trouble is identical with that which recently occurred at the Charleroi mines but which was settled by the officials of the mine workers and the superintendent of the mine, Jesse K. Johnston. The miners are paid for the extra expense.

### "SNIPE HUNTERS" ARE DISCHARGED

Burgess Risbeck Finds Acts Were Not Committed Within Borough Limits

"Discharged" was the verdict of Burgess George W. Risbeck to the youths of Charleroi, commonly known as "Snipe hunters" this afternoon. Mr. Risbeck withheld his verdict until 4 o'clock today for the purpose of allowing him time to make investigations. In which he found that the facts with these the young fellows are charged and for which they in the majority plead guilty, were committed outside the borough limits.

It is now up to the county and township authorities to do something. The local officials are sorry that they are unable to take any action by which the young fellows may be made to realize the enormity of the offense.

### Meeting Tonight.

A meeting of the executive committee of the Church league will be held tonight at the office of Dr. J. W. Manon. All members of the committee are requested to be present, as there is business of importance.

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## Aug. 18 In American History.

1807—Charles Francis Adams, statesman and diplomat. United States minister to England during the civil war. born; died 1886.  
1877—Two satellites of Mars were discovered by Professor Asaph Hall at Washington.  
1890—Professor Frederick William Crouch, composer of "Rathen Mavourneen," died in Portland, Me.; born 1808.

**ASTRONOMICAL EVENTS.**  
Sun sets 6:50, rises 5:10; moon sets 14 p. m.

## The Dull Season.

Charleroi is now undergoing what is known in trade circles as "the dull season." It is midway between summer and fall trade, when the demand for reasonable goods has been satisfied to a large extent, and the buying public, unless artificially stimulated, is undergoing a waiting period.

This is a condition which can to a large extent be averted by the business people if they make the proper effort. Instead of accepting and acquiescing in a "dull season," such a period can be eliminated entirely from the business calendar of any live town. There is scarcely a merchant but who has goods on his shelves and in boxes he'd rather turn into cash at a sharp discount than carry over until another season. As a matter of fact all do make special reduced prices as the season nears an end, but sameness of this method fails to use the public after reasonable results are satisfied.

What is necessary is something new and novel. In some of the live towns the business people unite in a "bargain day" with some carnival features attached. Something in the way of public amusement or entertainment is provided, while the real attraction is genuine bargains in staple and seasonal articles marked down to the lowest notch for the occasion. In these towns something is doing all the time, because the business people do not recognize any dull season. They make conditions which keeps trade moving the whole year 'round.

## Rule or Ruin.

True to his political policies of past years, ex-Congressman E. F. Acheson, when he finds he cannot rule the Republican party in Washington county is doing what he can to ruin it. Through his papers at the county seat—the Observer and Reporter—he is making political capital of the fight for the nomination for controller, and doing what he can to create a factional fight and disrupt the party. More than that he is maligning these prominent in public affairs, by insinuations, innuendo and even false assertions, and is bending every effort to accomplish his ends. If he cannot rule the Republican party in the county he would ruin it and gloat over the results.

Mr. Acheson will not succeed in his nefarious mission. The stench of his former regime is still too fresh in the nostrils of the public. No matter

what may be the mistakes or omissions of the present administration it is the government of the people and they have the power to rectify any mistakes at a later date. When the last of the political methods installed by the past regime are wiped out party peace and harmony will reign.

## Catch the Assassin.

The feeble efforts of the relatives of the late Benoit Vanoucke, the man who was assassinated in cold blood in Charleroi on the morning of August 31, to apprehend the assassin, is a move that should be seconded by the county officials. From all appearances the murder was a deliberately planned assassination for purposes of revenge or expediency, one of the gravest crimes against society. It matters not what the social standing of the victim may happen to be, the offense is of a nature that the officials cannot well afford to ignore.

The county commissioners should offer a reward for the arrest and conviction of the assassin. If crimes of this nature continue to be ignored assassinations are likely to become a common form of satisfying petty revenges, particularly in communities with a large foreign population. Prompt official action is necessary in order to show that such crimes will not be tolerated. Protection to the community at large demands that something be done in this case.

## Electric Sparks.

Some of the county official want to know what we are doing, "ripping them up the back?" That's it. We want to know what they are doing.

The smell of a garbage wagon is one never to be forgotten—you may miss your guess when you try to name certain other articles from their odor, but a garbage wagon, never.

Wonder how the tale got out about the man who found a stuffed pair of overalls under his bed, and so certain was he that it was a burglar, that he secured a revolver, and stood around a long time, threatening, but finally pulling it out. It's a sure bet the man himself didn't tell it.

The people of Everson, Fayette county, are at present hunting their lockup, stolen by some disreputable wretch, who must have wanted the iron.

"The good old summer time lingers a little too long for comfort."—Exchange. You old growler. Last March you were kicking because summer seemed too far off, and now you display yourself, just because you have had your vacation and can't bear to see anyone else enjoying theirs.

A Uniontown newspaper is continually scrapping with some one. When it runs out of a contemporary to fight with, it starts on the much abused council.

## THE JOY OF EATING.

It is Courtied to the Fullest Extent in Berlin.

The Germans in a good many ways get more happiness out of life as they go along than we do. Eating is an innocent pleasure, and they eat often and more. No one is required to get up to breakfast. There is never any formal family breakfast. Coffee and rolls are sent to your room, or you can go into the dining room and get them when you choose. Not having had breakfast enough, a German spends all the rest of the day in making up for it. At 10:30 or 11 everybody takes lunch. The laborers along the streets all stop to eat. And in general it may be said that in all places and at all hours it is good form and a matter of course to draw out a substantial sandwich of rye bread and raw ham and go to munching. Women do it at the opera. Students do it at the university between classes. Dinner comes at 2 o'clock. About 5 the maid brings to your room coffee and rolls and perhaps cake. At 8 p. m. is supper. Those who are going out to any entertainment may have supper at 6 or 7. But there is always a long enough intermission at the opera or theater for those who are disposed to take lunch, and most persons are disposed.

There are innumerable restaurants all about the city, and tens of thousands of people eat there, sitting at little tables in the open air, right by the sidewalk. After the day with all its cares and meals is over it is a favorite custom to go to a restaurant and sit there for half the night eating and drinking and listening to music. No city in the world bears so much good music so cheaply as Berlin. And everybody who is anybody knows enough about music to talk with some intelligence.—Berlin Letter to Springfield (Mass.) Republican.

## HALF A CENTURY OF OIL.

Fifty years ago, toward the end of August, 1859, Edwin L. Drake sunk the first petroleum well at a point on Oil Creek, near where Titusville now flourishes, says the Philadelphia Press. This was the beginning of the industry which has reached such stupendous proportions. Steps have just been taken by the citizens of Titusville to celebrate the semi-centennial of an event the importance of which is not second to any in the economic history of the United States.

Fifty years of petroleum have wrought revolution, first in artificial illumination throughout a large part of the civilized world, while in the enormous growth of the automobile industry another direct result of Drake's drilling is observable. Oil fuel for ships, locomotives and stationary engines is still in its infancy. So far as by-products of petroleum are concerned, they are as varied, as valuable as the by-products of coal tar. They enter into everyday life in curious ways, for instance, as a basis for chewing gum. Recently "petrol butter" was announced, but apparently it is not to be marketed.

Drake was a conductor on the New York and New Haven Railroad. The corporation that employed him conceived the idea of drilling a well to obtain a supply of the oil. A Pittsburgh druggist named Samuel Kier had already led the way for its use as an illuminant. Kerosene—oil distilled from coal—was introduced from Germany. Refinement of the crude petroleum collected by skimming the salt wells in Pennsylvania was Kier's idea. Notwithstanding the horrid smell and the smoke of this carbon oil which Kier produced in Pittsburgh, it was greatly in demand. Seventy cents a gallon was paid for it in New York, and the price rose as high as \$2 a gallon on account of the limited supply.

By mere chance Drake was put in charge of the operations. To him appears to belong the credit of drilling instead of sinking wells by digging through the sand. There was little romance to the operations in their progress. Hard work and discouragements there were in plenty. "Uncle Billy" Smith, a skilled drillman, with his sons as helpers, performed the actual work at the rate of two or three feet a day.

At last, having penetrated over fifty feet of sand and reached a depth of sixty-nine feet by drilling, "Uncle Billy" stopped work one evening. Next morning the well was found nearly full of oil. "Gushers" came later. That was the beginning of the boom in Pennsylvania by which poor farmers became fabulously rich, and in which fortunes were lost as well as those that were gained. Cities and towns quickly sprung in to existence in the oil field. "Coal Oil Johnny" was a notorious example of the follies produced by sudden fortune. Half a century later we find the oil industry one of the greatest of our national assets, controlled by representative business men of great administrative capacity. "Uncle Billy" drilling under the supervision of Drake is well worthy of a commemoration such as that proposed at Titusville.

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## A SOUTH SEA ROMANCE.

The Mutiny Long Ago on the Bounty, a British Man-of-war.

Who has not heard of the mutiny of the Bounty? The romance of it will linger from one end of the Pacific to the other. The descendants of the mutineers of the British man-of-war and their dusky wives are living and bearing English names under famous, or infamous, more than a century ago.

The British man-of-war had gone to Tahiti. The commander, Blythe, was harsh and cruel to his men. The women of Tahiti loved the fair-skinned sailors and sought to hide them from Blythe, their oppressor, but they were captured, and the ship sailed away, but only to return. When it returned in command was Fletcher, Christian, midshipman, and a score of mutineers. The brute Blythe and his loyal companions, and been set adrift in an open boat. Marvellous to relate, after traversing thousands of miles of open ocean they reached the Australian coast. Here they found a haven of refuge at a British outpost. For twenty years all trace of Fletcher Christian and his companions was lost, although searching expedition after expedition was sent to Tahiti by the British government.

Each of the mutineers save the remorseful Fletcher Christian took unto himself a wife. As it meant death to their husbands to live in Tahiti, they helped the men they loved to man the boat that bore them away to seek some desert island. After sailing for many days in the extreme southern tropical sea the rock of Pitcairn arose before them.

Twenty years later a British merchantman sighted by chance the lone rock in the southern Pacific and sent a boat ashore. To the astonishment of the crew, dusky men and women ran down to the beach to welcome them in their own tongue and claimed to be "English." Only one old man among them, Adams, of pure British blood, still survived. He was found, Bible in hand, teaching in the little Sunday school which he had built and where he had educated the children of the colony and taught them the tenets of the Christian faith.

When the news reached England a British man-of-war was sent for the last of the mutineers of the Bounty. Aboard was a king's pardon for Adams, so that, after all, he died a British subject, surrounded by his dusky children and grandchildren. The colony was then removed from the faraway southern isle to Tahiti, but homesickness overcame its members, and they returned to the verdant rock.—New Idea Magazine.

## How Attraction Acts.

Attraction acts very curiously. Thus if there were a man in the moon and if he were like the men on the earth he would be able to leap over a three storied house with as much ease as an ordinary jumper springs over a three foot fence in consequence of the forces of attraction being much less at the moon's surface than at the earth's. An elephant there would be as light footed as the deer here. A boy throwing stones might easily land them in an adjoining country. On the other hand, the reverse of all this would happen in Jupiter or Saturn. They being so much greater than the earth, their attraction would so impede locomotion that a man would scarcely be able to crawl, and large animals would be crushed by their own weight.

## In the Land of Windmills.

The Dutch when they invite you, and they are not a guest seeking race, are extremely hospitable and make you at once welcome. Sometimes, however, when it comes to dinner, their active hospitality demands an energetic recognition. The table is laid with piles of plates before each chair. On your first visit the spoons and forks are heavy silver, the knives of the finest steel and ivory. You never, however, eat with them again. When you have been shown that a family possesses them that ends it. You eat thereafter from everyday ware.

"What would the silver be like for our descendants if we used it often?" an old lady asked me. "What would we have if our ancestors had been careless?"—Eva Madden in Harper's Bazar.

## A Curiosity In Boundaries.

About 600 yards from the station at Hersaux, at the crossroads from Oudenarde to Roubaix, on the way from Tournai to Mons, there is a directing post which from a topographical point of view is a curiosity. This post marks the separation between the two countries, France and Belgium; three provinces or departments, Le Nord, western Flanders and Hainault; three bishoprics, Cambrai, Bourges and Tournai. Three races dwell around it, speaking three languages, French, Flemish and Walloon. It is also in three communes, Wattrelos, Hersaux and Estaimpuis.—London Globe.

## The Only Way to Know.

Catherine had asked so many questions, and father was growing impatient. Finally he said, "Oh, Catherine, I can't answer half your questions."  
"I know you can't, father, but then I do not know which half you can't answer."—Delineator.

## Neither Polite Nor Wise.

Mrs. Tellit:—It isn't polite to turn your back on people.  
Tellit:—It isn't wise, either, unless you are sure that your dress is buttoned to the limit. Think that over!—Chicago News.

Sanitary instruction is more important than sanitary legislation.—Derby.

## WATERLESS BATHING.

A Good Rub and an Air Bath a Substitute For the Tub.

The conditions and contrivances of our civilization demand frequent bathing. It is popularly supposed that the frequent bathing is essential to health. "This is quite untrue," says the Medical Journal. "We have seen fine and vigorous men among the habitants of Canada who had never taken a full bath in their lives. Were the truth known, many thousands of our fellow citizens probably know nothing of the alleged benefits of the tub, though maintaining excellent average health."

Such people do not present the fresh and pleasing appearance of the frequent bather, however, long lived they may be. Is not, however, much of the benefit attributed to the water in reality due to the complete exposure of the skin to the air?

The respiratory function of the skin is of high importance, and, although water may be dispensed with, closing the pores to air would result in speedy asphyxiation. The historic instance of the boy who impersonated John the Baptist in a mediaeval procession and whose body was covered with gold leaf with rapidly fatal results is proof.

The ice cold bath is a superstition; it is a pastime for the abnormally vigorous, not desirable for the average civilized man. A bath not too cold is really an agreeable stimulant as well as being a luxury. The feeling of well being after a bath can hardly be obtained in any other way, and the rapid multiplication of tubs in hotels and private residences, soon to approach one to the individual, show how they are appreciated.

Unhappy persons, however, whose travels in the provinces or into the desert may temporarily deprive them of sufficient water for bathing may find a substitute that will at least afford a part of their accustomed enjoyment. The body may be energetically rubbed with a brush or coarse Turkish towel and afterward exposed to the air for fifteen minutes or so. The accustomed feeling of vigor will follow and the process will be found by the uninitiated to be astonishingly cleansing."

## A STRANGE TRIBE.

The Touaregs, to Whom Timbuktu Owes Its Origin.

A recent explorer, journeying from Tripoli across the great desert of Sahara, gives account of much opposition to his progress offered by the various wandering tribes. Much of the most serious trouble was caused by the Touaregs, a strange band of people, supposed by some to have descended from the crusaders. These dwellers of the desert are distinguished by the wearing of veils, a custom which has caused much discussion. Says Felix Dubois in "Timbuktu the Mysterious":

As you travel an atmosphere of secrecy hovers over the country, and you remember that these mysterious Touaregs are still momentarily its oppressors and masters.

These people keep their eyes from the excessive glow of the desert by two veils, one rolled round the temples and falling down in front, the other reaching from the nostrils to the edge of the clothing, covering the lower part of the face. Savants seek all manner of farfetched origins to explain this custom. Hygiene is obviously the only motive. This is proved by their own statements and by the sobriquet, "mouths for files," which they give to all who do not wear the veils.

These veils are never removed, even at mealtimes. They are so much a part of their wearers that any one deprived of such covering is unrecognized by his friends and relatives. If a number of the tribe should be killed in battle, no one could identify them if they had not on their veils.

Theft is the Touareg's natural form of industry. "This word," says a native proverb, "is like water fallen upon sand, never to be found again." The Sudanese term them as "thieves, hyenas and abandoned of God." Yet to this strange tribe Timbuktu owes its origin.

## The Force of Habit.

One of the campers had done something peculiarly idiotic, and the dean said, "Dick reminds me of Thomas' colt."

"What about Thomas' colt?" asked Dick cheerfully.

"Why," the dean responded readily, "where I lived in Maine when I was a boy an old man named Thomas raised horses. He once put out to pasture a colt which had been fed from its birth in a box stall and watered at the trough in the yard."

"The pasture lay across a small river, and in the middle of the day the colt swam the stream to go up to the barnyard for a drink of water."

## English as Spoken In London.

I must confess to passing that after a lifetime spent upon English I had nearly as much difficulty with that language "as she spoke" upon the streets of London by the common people as I had with French and German in Paris and Berlin. The most popular sensational journal of London is the Daily Mail. They call it the Dilly Mille. Many other words are equally unrecognizable.—London Letter to Springfield (Mass.) Republican.

## A Never-Failing Supply.

The fond husband was seeing his wife off with the children for their vacation in the country. As she got into the train he said, "But, my dear, won't you take some action to read?"  
"Oh, no," she responded sweetly. "I shall depend upon your letters from home."—London Taster.

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## FIRST PLAYING CARDS

They Seem to Have Sprung From the Naibis of the Saracens.

### INVENTION OF A VENETIAN.

The Evidence Appears to Prove That Games With Cards Originated Toward the End of the Fourteenth Century—The Cards of Charles VI.

The earliest direct mention of playing cards discovered so far is in the "History of the City of Viterbo," says the New York Telegraph. The author quotes Corvillino, who wrote about the end of the fifteenth century:

"In the year of 1379 was brought into Viterbo the game of cards, which comes from the country of the Saracens and is with them called naib."

It is worthy of remark that Corvillino did not write in that date mentioned, but a century later, in 1480, and it is quite possible that he may have been mistaken in attributing the cards to Saracenic origin, or may have simply been quoting a popular tradition. The Saracens were familiar with naibis, the predecessor of cards, but they did not invent the game of cards, of which naibis were only a part.

The earliest date about which there can be no dispute at which playing cards are directly mentioned by a writer as a matter of his personal experience is that discovered in the register of the court treasurer of France, in the reign of Charles VI. The entry is under the date of Feb. 1, 1392, as follows:

"Giles de Jacquemin Gringonneur, painter, for three packs of playing cards, in gold and various colors and ornamented with several devices, to carry before the lord our king for his amusement 50 sols of Paris."

This is the foundation upon which is based the popular notion that playing cards were invented for the amusement of a crazy French king. Critics have pointed out that the amount paid is simply for the hand painting and decoration of the cards. There is nothing in the entry that gives ground for supposing that the cards themselves were new.

There are on exhibition today at the National library in Paris what are supposed to be seven of these cards that were painted for Charles VI, and this has strengthened the impression that they are the original model from which all playing cards have been copied. Unfortunately for the fame of the exhibit, it has been proved that the cards shown in Paris are really very late Venetian imitations and are part of an edition made at Venice late in 1425.

During the twenty years that follow the date of the royal treasurer's (1392) literature is full of references to playing cards. Almost every author that mentions games of gambling paraphrases particularities of one or more games of cards. But before that date no allusion has been found to a game that could be constructed as a card game, although there are several writers who might reasonably be expected to mention cards if they were acquainted with them.

Hugh von Tynberg, who wrote in the second half of the thirteenth and the beginning of the fourteenth century; Petrarch, who wrote in the first half of the fourteenth century; Chaucer, who wrote in the second half of the fourteenth century, made no mention of cards, although in the writings of all of them there are references to gambling tables and implements.

In the Escorial library there is a manuscript composed by order of Don Alphonso the Wise, dated 1291, which gives the rules for a number of games, especially chess and dice, but does not contain a word about cards.

But one naturally asks if the earliest mention of cards is to be found in the register of the royal treasurer of France where did cards come from if they were not a new thing to him? To go back a little, it is well known that there existed long before the date of any mention of playing cards a series of emblematic pictures called naibis, which were used by gypsies and others for the purpose of fortune telling and sorcery. It is probably these naibis that were brought to Europe by the Saracens, and perhaps they were supposed to be of Saracenic origin.

Authorities seem to be pretty well agreed that toward the end of the fourteenth century some inventive genius, probably a Venetian, selected a number of these naibis or pictures and added to them a series of numeral cards so as to convert them into implements by which the excitement of chance and the interest of gaming might be added to the amusement afforded by the original naibis.

The principal reason for assuming that cards originated in Italy and not in France is that the names of the cards themselves and the names of the earliest known games played with them are all Italian and that these Italian terms were carried all over Europe. If they were of French origin the nomenclature might be expected to be French.

There is an abundant evidence that the playing cards which rapidly found their way all over Europe were made in Venice. As each country got to making its own cards the emblems of the suits were changed to please the national fancy until there is nothing left today of the original suits, charity, justice and fortitude which were represented on the first Italian packs.

"Every one has his thorns, and unfortunately the thorns outlive the rose."

## A PROPOSAL IN THREE LANGUAGES.

By F. A. MITCHEL.  
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On Lake Como, in northern Italy, is a little cluster of hotels and shops called Bellagio. The place is near the boundary line between two countries, in one of which French is spoken and in the other Italian. English Americans, French, Italians and Germans all meet here, and the linguistic condition is similar to that at the famous tower of Babel. The hotel and shop keepers, boatmen and others are obliged to continually express themselves in one of three or four languages. French is the prevailing tongue, with English second and German third.

After having finished my education I decided upon a year's travel in Europe before beginning the practice of my profession, and that summer at the height of the Italian lake season I found myself at Bellagio. The hotel at which I stopped was on the very verge of Lake Como, the water plunging against its stone and marble porch. On the evening of my arrival I dined at one of the tables on this porch. The lake—rather this portion of it—is surrounded by mountain peaks, which stand out in bold silhouette against the twilight. On the other shore, a couple of miles away, the lights of Cadenabbia were beginning to glimmer on the line between the mountain base and the lake.

At a table on my left sat a party some of the members of which were speaking Italian, others French. Among them was a beautiful Italian girl. They were drinking champagne and chatting merrily, while I sat alone, wishing that I might even understand what they said. One of the men addressed a remark to me in broken English. I met him more than halfway and was invited to join the party.

That night I dreamed of the Italian girl, Signorina Alicia Jacenti. I had carried on a spirited dialogue with her at the table, our language being one-tenth Italian, one-tenth French, one-tenth English and seven-tenths pantomime. Every one who knows anything about love knows that as a donkey feeds on thistles so love thrives on difficulties. A man may make love to any girl who speaks the same tongue as himself and go to sleep at the same time. There's no incentive in it. But when a fellow and a girl have but a few dozen words in common and must "scratch gravel" to make themselves understood the little god empties his quiver before them.

Well, the next morning I hired one of those delightful little boats with which Lake Como abounds, each furnished with a canopy and soft cushions, to say nothing of a boatman to do the work, and the signorina and I went for a "promenade," as they call it there, on the water. Perhaps you think there was nothing for the boatman to do but to row. Not much. He spoke French, Italian and English, the latter a chump, while I, a college-bred American, knew but one language. The signorina spoke French and Italian. So you see, there were three tongues in the party. Before starting I slipped a lire into the boatman's palm. He thought it was to induce him to row fast. Not a bit. I had in view a different use for him. Besides, I didn't propose that he should make me and the girl ridiculous by telling people what it was. I wanted him for an interpreter.

As soon as we were off the signorina and I, leaning back on the cushions, renewed the struggle to communicate of the evening before. It ran like this: "Et is ver bellissimo" (beautiful). "Vous n'avez pas" (you have not) "aucun" (anything) "so bellissimo in Amerique."

"Not a woman in the country so beautiful as you," I replied in four languages and a superfluity of pantomime. "Ah, m'sieur!" (Clasped hands, smiles, eyes turned upward.) It wasn't long before I had found her hand under a fold of her dress where the boatman couldn't see and a current of language common to all people, felt, not spoken, ran between us with all the sprightliness of a bubbling brook. So for awhile we sat without speaking. The boatman jogged along over the smooth waters which splashed softly against the boat. The reflection of the mountains and the heavens trembling in the lake started me again.

"Votre yeux" (your eyes), I said. "Boatman, what's the French for reflect?"

"Reflechit," monsieur. "Votre yeux reflechit les—What's the French for heaven?"

"Ciel," monsieur.

"Belly." Then to the girl, "Votre yeux reflechit les ciel."

"Ah, m'sieur!" The eyes went up and the hands were clasped.

Fortunately that all important word is much the same in several languages, all derived from the Latin. It is a more (love), amo (I love).

"Boatman," I began and stopped. I couldn't even bear to ask for a word at such a time. "Boatman," I began again, "what's that directly behind you?"

He turned, and I whispered with my lips close to his:

"Tamo rol" (I love you).

And so with one letter of French, one word of Latin and one of Italian I did the trick.

The signorina is now my wife and since the time in America has been obliged to learn English. She considers it a hard language and entirely unfit for love-making.

## MANY SPECIAL FLAGS.

Uncle Sam Has Some Which Are Very Seldom Seen.

### COLORS OF THE PRESIDENT.

Not Until 1832 Did the Chief Executive of the Nation Have a Personal Banner, but Now He Has Three, the Naval, Army and Peace Flags.

As the United States grew and the government expanded many new departments were added, and with them many special flags have come into existence. Least often seen, and yet most interesting of these twenty-five or thirty special flags is that of the president of the United States. He has a wealth of them—in fact, no less than three—but they are seldom seen in public. There are two each of these flags, one of bunting and one of silk. They are exactly alike, with this exception, but the one of silk is called the "president's colors."

The president of the United States had no personal flag until 1832. If he went aboard a ship his presence was denoted by the national flag hoisted at the main truck, and his presence in a garrison or post was denoted by the raising of the big garrison flag. These were not entirely distinctive as denoting the presence of the president, for these flags were hoisted on gala occasions when the president was not around. The lack of a distinguishing flag for him was felt by the navy also, and the secretary of the navy by general orders, Aug. 19, 1832, established a flag for the president of the United States. The general orders described the flag as of blue bunting with the coat of arms of the United States in the center. The flag was to be hoisted at the main of the vessel when the president was aboard and be carried at the bow of the launch on which he came aboard.

In the army there was no distinguishing flag for the president of the United States until just before the outbreak of the Spanish-American war. Colonel Theodore Bingham, who was then superintendent of public buildings and grounds, called the attention of President McKinley to this lack of a distinguishing flag for him and stated that he thought the commander in chief of the United States army and navy ought to have a distinguishing flag. President McKinley did not like the suggestion, but the secretary of war did, and a flag was made. It was designed by Frederick D. Owen and is a beautiful thing to look at. The official description of the flag is as follows:

The president's flag is of scarlet bunting, thirteen feet by eight feet hoist. In each corner is a five-pointed star of five inch radius to the tips. In the center of the scarlet field is a large fifth star, also of five points, two feet nine inches in radius to the tips. Inside of this star is a parallel star, separated from it by a band of white three inches wide. The inner star forms the blue field upon which is the coat of arms of the United States. On the scarlet field around the large star are forty-six small white stars, one for each state, equally scattered in the re-entangling angles and all included within the circumference of an imaginary circle three feet and a quarter in radius. In the upper point over the angle is a constellation of thirteen stars, representing the original thirteen states of the American confederation.

Mr. Owen explained that in the olive leaves, his berries and the arrows is symbolized the original thirteen. It is also not a little singular that the official seal should bear in its motto exactly thirteen letters and that the general order which created the flag was also numbered thirteen. The magnificent silken colors of the president's flag are of scarlet, and the design is embroidered upon this so exquisitely that it is impossible to tell right from wrong side when looking at the flag. The colors on the flag are what is called "proper"—that is, natural—the eagle being brown and the olive branches green, with red berries. This flag is to be displayed only in time of war.

Yet another flag has the president. In 1902 the "peace" flag was adopted. This third flag differs in a good many respects from the other two. In the first place, the great seal of the United States is correctly depicted. On the other flags the design of the seal is seven red stripes and six white ones, which is correct, as the flag design was adopted by the Third congress, but when the great seal was adopted the designer, not knowing much about the flag, as the forefathers intended, and six red stripes. And that is the seal today. There was a long discussion whether the seal should not be changed to agree with the stripes on the flag, as the forefathers intended, but it was decided that as it had been adopted it should remain. This "peace" flag thus has the seal correctly depicted. The eagle is snow white, its feathers being outlined in deep black. There is a different arrangement of the stars and of the sunburst also. The sunburst is exactly circular in form, with the rays radiating from the group of stars. The colors are of silk with exactly the same design. Washington Star.

The Remedy.  
"Doctor, I'm troubled with a terrible buzzing in my ears."  
"Get a divorce."—Boston Transcript.

The secret of success in life is for a man to be ready for his opportunity when it comes.—Disraeli.

## FIRST PRESBYTERIANS WINS FROM EPISCOPALS

Church League.

Yesterday's Results:  
First Presbyterian 7 Episcopal 0  
Standing of Clubs.

	W. L. Pct.
Christian.....	5 0 100
Methodist.....	6 1 857
Lutheran.....	3 3 571
First Presbyterian.....	3 4 429
W. A. Presbyterian.....	2 4 333
Episcopal.....	0 8 000

Thursday's Game:  
Christian vs. Methodist

The First Presbyterians defeated the Episcopalians in a church league game last night, by the score of 7 to 0. Provance pitched a good game, allowing but 2 hits. The score:

	R	H	P	A	E
Wilson, 1.....	0	1	10	1	0
Frye, 3.....	0	0	0	2	1
Ward, 2.....	2	1	3	3	0
Laurie, 5.....	2	1	1	0	2
Strausser, 1.....	2	1	1	0	1
Pieper, 1.....	1	0	3	0	0
Privance, 1.....	0	0	0	1	0
Oller, 1.....	0	1	6	0	0
Smith, 1.....	0	0	0	0	0
Total.....	7	5	24	8	4

Episcopal

	R	H	P	A	E
Cratty, 1.....	0	0	9	2	1
R. Turnbull, 1.....	0	0	7	2	0
Kent, 1.....	0	0	1	1	1
Matthews, 3.....	0	0	0	0	0
Bromwich, 1.....	0	0	0	0	0
Stark, 1.....	0	1	0	0	0
Barger, 2.....	0	1	0	2	0
A. Turnbull, 1.....	0	0	0	0	0
Johnston, 1.....	0	0	11	0	0
Total.....	0	2	21	12	1

First Pres..... 2 0 0 1 0 4 \*7-0  
Episcopal..... 0 0 0 0 0 0 0-0

Struck out—By Provance, by Turnbull 8. Double play—Ward and Wilson. Stolen bases—Frye, Strausser, Cratty, Kent.

### Monongahela Valley League.

Belle Vernon.....5 Fayette City.....3  
\*Donora.....Brownsville  
\*Forfeited to Donora.

Standing of the Clubs.

	W. L. Pct.
Roscoe.....	3 1 750
Monongahela.....	3 1 750
Fayette City.....	3 2 600
Belle Vernon.....	3 2 600
Donora.....	1 2 333
Charleroi.....	1 2 333
California.....	1 2 333
Brownsville.....	0 5 000

GAMES THIS WEEK:

Wednesday.

Charleroi at Belle Vernon.

Thursday.

Brownsville at Monongahela.

Fayette City at Roscoe.

Saturday.

Fayette City at Charleroi.

California at Brownsville.

Donora at Monongahela.

Roscoe at Belle Vernon.

This afternoon the delegates of the Old Time Telegraphers and Historical association and the society of the United States Military Telegraph Corps, are being entertained at Monessen. The convention of these two organizations is now being held in Pittsburgh, and the trip to Manassas was a special excursion, being arranged by Col. J. M. Schoonmaker, Thomas A. Edison, is said to be among the number of notable persons present.

### STAR GAZING.

The Study of the Constellations as a Pastime.

Probably every reader has often admired the beauty of a starlight night. A little careful observation on such a night will show that the brighter stars may be divided into groups or "constellations," as the astronomers call them, most of which are known by the names of animals or legendary persons, such for example as "the Great Bear," "the Swan," "Hercules," "Andromeda," etc. The easiest method of learning these "constellations" is from some one already acquainted with them, but if the beginner is not fortunate enough to know any such person the majority can be learned from any cheap star maps such as are sometimes contained in almanacs.

Now, if the budding astronomer will notice the position of any of these groups or constellations at a particular hour of any night and then look a few hours afterward he will see that during the interval the stars which appeared low down in the east have risen to the south in a somewhat similar manner to the apparent motion of the sun and moon, while closer attention on several evenings will show a circular or rotary movement around the north pole of the heavens, the motion being the opposite way to the hands of a clock.

Near the north pole is a bright star called the "Pole star." This star is easily found when the observer has once noted the seven bright stars of the "Great Bear," the two outer stars of the four forming the "square" known as the "pointers" point almost directly to the Pole star. This majestic movement of the stars around the pole of the heavens is a most sublime and wonderful sight.—Country Club.

## INDEPENDENCE TO

### GET NEW BUILDING

More Cause Trouble

### Among the Directors

Township School Will No

More Cause Trouble

Among the Directors

In the matter of the refusal of certain directors of Independence township to erect a new school house, Attorney R. W. Irwin yesterday afternoon presented an order to court, which was signed by the court. It was satisfactory to both the petitioners and the directors and means that the district will get the new school house.

The directors are given 60 days in which to begin the erection of the new building. A building fully adequate to accommodate the needs of the district must be put up. If the directors fail to commence the erection of a new building in the time required by the court they will be subject to removal.

### ROSCOE MAN CHARGED

### WITH SERIOUS CRIME

Nickolas Niehs, of Roscoe, a man probably 25 years of age, has been held for court on a serious charge preferred by John Pauly, whose 10 year old daughter Elizabeth he is alleged to have attacked with felonious intent.

It is alleged that on Sunday afternoon the man stopped the girl on her way home and carried her into a box car. It is stated that neighbors interfered, but such were the actions of the man that he pleaded guilty before Justice McKenna to the charge of assault and battery with criminal intent, and was taken to the Washington county jail.

Leombrino Piamino and his wife, Josephine of West Bethlehem township, pleaded guilty at criminal court at Washington to selling liquor without license. On Monday Attorney Carl E. Gibson made a plea for the leniency of the court. Judge McIlvaine directed that a stet be entered as to the woman on the payment of costs amounting to \$175, and sentenced the husband to pay costs, a fine of \$500 and undergo imprisonment in the county jail for a period of three months. The woman wept bitterly when Deputy Sheriff McBride conducted her husband to jail.

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Starlight—Oh, Miss Wobbsins, may I come to see you again? Miss Wobbsins—Well, I cannot see how you can very well unless you go this time!

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## LOCAL NOTES

### Brief Mention of People and Events in this Community.

Miss Annie Craven, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Craven of Beallsville, is the guest of friends in Charleroi.

Mrs. Margaret Dawson and son Keith are guests of Mrs. Dawson's parents on Crest avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Constans of Pittsburg are visiting friends and relatives in Charleroi.

Henry Rose and daughter, Mrs. Werling of Pittsburg, are guests of Mr. Rose's daughter, Mrs. John Bartholomew of Crest avenue.

J. W. Allen and C. E. Jackson of Uniontown, prominently identified with fraternal organizations, especially Odd Fellows and Knights of Pythias, were attending to business transactions in this place recently.

Halbert E. Dawson of Beallsville drove over to Charleroi and returned yesterday.

Miss Roberta Trew, accompanied by her friend, Miss Annie Craven of Beallsville, were Pittsburg callers Monday.

Miss Nora Springer of Uniontown is the guest of her former chum at Douglas college at Uniontown.

John C. Abrams of Braddock was the guest of Miss Frances Estenfelder on Sunday.

Paul Ryland was a business visitor this morning in Donora.

Misses Effie Provance, Katherine Barrett and Ida Carroll are among those attending the Donora merchants outing at Rock Point today.

Dannie Lan of Homewood is spending the day in Pittsburg with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Sheep have returned from a wedding trip to Watson town.

Miss Mary Moxley of Uniontown is in Charleroi visiting her sister, Mrs. Walter Crow.

Mrs. H. J. Booth and children have returned from Chautauque, where they spent a few weeks.

William Shannon has returned from Ohio, where he attended school during the summer.

Prof. Daniel Gayman of near Millsboro, and former teacher in the Charleroi High School, is here circulating among friends.

Henry W. Norman, who has been manager of J. W. Berryman and Son's big department store since last January, leaves today for Huntingdon, where he has accepted a position as manager of the Huntingdon Dry Goods company. Mr. Norman is a first class dry goods man, and his employers here were loth to part with him.

**Cure For Loneliness.**  
The rethatched girl is a winner—and the man who gets one will not be lonesome. He will soon find out whether he has drawn a Titian haired angel or a combination of a cyclone and a sunset.—Baltimore Sun.

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**FOR RENT**  
FOR RENT—Three rooms either furnished or unfurnished. Inquire 237 Mail office. 3132tp  
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19c

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165 pairs men's heavy working shoes, worth \$1.50 to \$1.75, our clearance sale price

\$1.00



JUST LIKE OUT

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502 Fallowfield Avenue,

Charleroi, Pa.

## LOVE'S DOUBTING.

A Phase of Life Through Which Many Married Women Pass.

The only incidents that marred our happiness were sudden and inexplicable "blue ups." Occasionally, to our amazement, a trifle would make us glare at each other like animals and speak bitterly. Five minutes later we would express our regret and shame. Soon I perceived that these quarrels were due to nerves and to the trial of adjustment. One evening we had an argument that was particularly violent and distressing. It ended by Frank's going to bed. I remained in the seat where I had been reading, and for a long time I pretended to myself that I was going on reading. Presently tears fell on my book. Then I said: "How silly all this is! I am making myself suffer, and I am making Frank suffer too. I will go and tell him that I am sorry." So I stole into the bedroom. He was sleeping peacefully.

That little experience, not without humor as I look back on it, made me first realize how differently Frank and I could be affected by the same cause. It marked the beginning of my uneasiness. Soon I stopped reading aloud to Frank; why, I can't remember. Little things disturbed me. At first the thought of them used to be swept away by my delight on seeing Frank in the evening. Then, too, there would come the feeling that those things were accidents and would not occur again. In the second year of our marriage, just after dinner, Frank would read the newspaper till he began to doze. Then he would rouse himself and try to be agreeable. The effort troubled me. There was also the quiet and efficient deciding of little details without reference to my wishes. And here I felt there was danger. Once I said to myself, "Suppose I should tire him," and I grew cold. Then I thought of the moment when I should discover that I was tiring him. Here my sense of humor came to my rescue, and I felt better. I imagine that many women pass through this phase.—American Magazine.

## TIME TO LAUGH.

Some Vaudeville Jokelets Which Age Cannot Withstand.  
Vaudeville is known as the "laugh trust," but not for the reason one might think. It gets the phrase because there are a certain definite number of devices in its category of acts that control the laughs of its audiences. The same old things are all ways good for a laugh in vaudeville. According to the Bohemian Magazine, a new device, a new bit of "business," a new joke, are all regarded as dangerous by the performers. The following table details some of the time-

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## The Co-Operative Store

leroi on the price of their goods. Our association has stood as a barrier between the people and high prices. We paid in dividend to our members during the last 5 years \$11,484.85. Can any private business show such result. Co-operation alone has in its power to accomplish such wonder. If you are not a co-operator become one and save for yourself the profits you are now creating for others.

**Planning Ahead.**  
"Theater parties," said the prospective bride, "will cost about \$200 annually, flowers as much more and bouquets, say, \$100. Certainly we can marry on \$600 a year."  
"And have a snug surplus," suggested her dad, "for such incidentals as grub and clothes and house rent."—Philadelphia Bulletin.

**Still Possible.**  
"Uncle, can't I be a pirate when I grow up?"  
"Sure you can, son. What do you want to pirate—books or plays?"—Louisville Courier-Journal.

**The Critic.**  
"What do you think of this picture?" "Rotten!"  
"Why. It was taken from life."  
"Pity the artist wasn't,"—Cleveland Leader.

at which a vaudeville audience regularly laughs:  
When a comedian walks with a mincing step and speaks in a falsetto voice.  
When a German comedian opens his coat and discloses a green waistcoat.  
When a comedy acrobat falls down repeatedly.  
When a performer asks the orchestra leader if he is a married man.  
When a black face comedian says something about chicken.  
When a performer starts to rise from a chair and the drummer puts a resined piece of cord so that the performer thinks his clothes have ripped.  
When the drummer suddenly beats the drum during a comedian's song and the latter stops and looks in his direction.  
When a tramp comedian turns around and discloses a patchy patch or several pearl buttons or a target sewed on the seat of his trousers.  
When the funny member of the troupe of instrumentalists interrupts the progress of a melody by sounding a discordant note on his trombone.  
When a clown of a team of acrobats poses himself to do a presumably difficult feat and suddenly changes his mind and walks away without doing it.—New York Sun.

**The Mind's Power.**  
"Zola," said a psychologist, "once wrote in a lady's album that his favorite amusement was writing and his

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## AFFIDAVIT MADE BY ANNA GATES, CHARGING TERRIBLE MISTREATMENT

### SAID SHE WAS MADE VICTIM BY PARENT

Walked Distance of About  
Fifteen Miles on Saturday  
to Home of J. A. Riggs, in  
Speers, Where She is Now

### HEARING THIS AFTERNOON

Anna Gates, the 17 year old girl from Axleton, across the river from Monongahela, who has been missing since Saturday, has been found, and as a result her foster father, Frederick G. Chambers, is under arrest charged with a serious crime. The girl is at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Riggs in Speers and under the care of a physician. This morning she made affidavit to charges alleged last night.

A hearing will be given Mr. Chambers this afternoon before Justice of the Peace Emory Graham, of Forward township, Allegheny county. Mr. Graham received the affidavit of the girl this morning, in the presence of Humane Agent William Gelder of Charleroi, who made the information against the man. He will be held for court, and lodged, it is most likely, in jail at Pittsburgh this afternoon to await action. Specific charges of a serious nature have been made against the man by Mr. Gelder. It was necessary to hear the case in Allegheny county from the fact that the crimes are said to have been committed in that county.

According to the girl's story she left Monongahela at about 8 o'clock Saturday morning, and with no definite intention in mind but to get away from the community walked towards Hazelkirk. Passing through that place she struck on through the country, going southward. Along the road she met a man, and was allowed to ride with him to Speers. Then he gave her a quarter, and having heard a part of her story, told her to stay over night at Speers and in the morning return home. She went to the home of Mrs. S. T. Jackman, first and asked to be allowed to stay all night. Mrs. Jackman, who is a widow, referred her to the Riggs home. She went there at about 5 o'clock, and inquired at the back door for work offering to receive as pay either her board or her clothing. In fact she seemed willing to accept any proposition at all that would give her shelter.

Mrs. Riggs told the girl she was not in need of any one, whereupon the girl, breaking into tears, asked that she be allowed to stay all night. After speaking to Mr. Riggs, the girl was brought in, and given supper. She did not eat much, despite the fact that she had apparently been long without food. She was given a bed and retired. The next morning, she was ill, and Mrs. Riggs, who is a trained nurse, insisted that Anna remain in bed, but the girl said she must be up and on her way, giving

the impression that she did not want to impose on hospitality.

Mrs. Riggs prepared a good breakfast for her, but she did not eat scarcely anything. By this time, Anna was so ill that Mrs. Riggs sent her to bed. During the day she was taken care of by the good woman, who was rewarded by having the girl tell

her. Dr. J. W. Gordon of Belle Vernon was called in during the evening.

During all this time, the Riggs people were not aware that the foster parents were searching and did not learn it until Monday evening. Tuesday afternoon Mrs. Riggs came to Charleroi and saw Officer McElwain, Humane Agent Gelder and Chief of Police Albright. The latter notified Chief of Police Chester of Monongahela and suggested that he bring Mr. Chambers and come to Charleroi.

At 6 o'clock, Messrs. Gelder, Albright, Chester, and Chambers and a representative of the Mail went to the Riggs home, Mr. Chambers expecting to get the girl and bring her home. There the story of Mrs. Riggs was heard, then Mr. Gelder and Mr. Chester, with Mrs. Riggs, went to the room of Anna, and heard her story. They returned and arrested Chambers. He was brought to Charleroi and kept in the lockup here over night. This morning he was taken to his home at Axleton.

The girl's story and affidavit was in effect that since she was 14 years of age Mr. Chambers has forced her to be criminally intimate with him, which continued secretly until recently when she determined to run away. She said that at one time she had tried to commit suicide, although she knew it was wrong.

### GRAND JURY WORKING HARD

Disposed of Several Cases of  
Interest Yesterday

Henry Sessi, a liquor agent who solicited orders at Cherry Valley, entered a plea of guilty yesterday morning to selling liquor without license. He represented a Pittsburgh firm. On his plea of guilty—this also being his first offense—he was given the minimum sentence, a fine of \$500 and costs and three months in jail.

Six months to the workhouse, the costs and a fine of \$1 was the sentence imposed yesterday on Martin Kickaskie, who had been convicted of malicious mischief. The case was taken up Monday and was given to the jury yesterday. The offense was committed at Marianna, and the defendant was charged with exploding dynamite in the streets.

Mary Bark of Bulger, was found guilty of selling liquor without license and on Sunday. Judge Taylor gave her the usual sentence, her fines totaling \$350, and her term of imprisonment, three months and 20 days.

Maria Serrano, an Italian woman residing in the Fifth ward, Washington, against whom the grand jury returned a true bill last week on the strength of a return made by Constable S. C. Enoch and who was charged with selling liquor illegally

### BURGLARS ENTER CHARLEROI FREIGHT HOUSE, BUT FAIL TO GET ANYTHING

Frightened Away by Incoming Freight Trains  
and Conductor Chased Along Tracks  
For Distance.

The Charleroi freight house was broken open last night by would-be burglars whose fortune or misfortune it was to be frightened away before they could get anything. They were seen by a freight conductor of a train that pulled in at about midnight, and chased northward along the tracks for some distance, finally to be lost sight of.

Entry was made into the office by means of one of the windows. The screen shutter was removed and then with a beer bottle, from a case that

was setting on the platform, a panel of the widow was broken, allowing room to thrust the hand through. The window was unlocked and thrown open. After having pulled open some of the drawers and searching for valuables they were alarmed by a freight coming in, and when the conductor made his appearance on the platform it is supposed made their exit.

The seals on two cars were found to have been tampered with, but nothing was taken so far as feared.

### REBUILDING OLD PIKE

State Highway Department  
Advertises for Bids for  
Improvement Work

### MUST BE IN BY SEPT. 9

Following a recent inspection trip of State Highway Commissioner Joseph W. Eunter reconstruction and improvement work will be started on the old National road between Washington and West Brownsville within the next few months. Bids for the work are advertised for today, the bids to be in the office of the State Highway Commissioner at Harrisburg not later than September 9 of this year.

Two sections of roadway are to be put in good condition at this time. One section leading from the borough line of Washington eastward to near the village of Pancake will be improved while similar work will be done on a section leading from the west end of the bridge over the Monongahela river at West Brownsville westwardly into the borough of Centerville to the entrance of the farm of John Elliott.

The plans and specifications for this road work has been drawn up and copies are on file at the office of the Washington county commissioners and at Harrisburg.

and on Sunday was placed on trial yesterday afternoon.

Three witnesses testified to securing beer at the Serrano home, two of the men stating they had paid for the amber fluid while the third said he had laid the money on the stove. The woman on the stand flatly denied that she had ever sold beer, but declared that all the beer brought to the house had been either for herself or her boarders. The case was given to the jury just at the adjournment of court and shortly after the jury reached an agreement. A sealed verdict was to be returned this morning.

### TRANSFERS BEING MADE OF MACBETH- EVANS GLASS PLANT

A number of the employees of the Macbeth-Evans Glass Plant of this place have been transferred to South Side, Pittsburgh, on account of the opening up of a new factory there. All the five plants are either now running, or will be put in operation soon by the Macbeth people for the first time since the panic.

Mrs. Casper Hein of Pittsburgh, and Mrs. E. W. Sisley of Fayette City are spending the day with their aunt, Mrs. L. B. Walters.

### M'KEESPORT MEN HERE

Delegation Seeks Aid of Con-  
gressman Tener on  
Project

### ASK RIVER IMPROVEMENTS

A committee from the McKeesport chamber of commerce was in Charleroi today for the purpose of consulting Congressman J. K. Tener relative to Government improvements of the Youghiogheny river. The committee was composed of J. B. Ayers, president, Dr. J. P. Blackburn, and J. Audley Ayers, Esq. They arrived on the 10:58 train and after a conference with Mr. Tener took dinner at the Wilbur and departed shortly afterward.

The United States Engineers, appointed to look over the matter of improving the "Yough," have reported favorably on improvements from McKeesport to West Newton, and Pittsburgh chamber of commerce is booming the project. The object of the visit of the committee here was to interest Mr. Tener, who is a member of the Rivers and Harbors committee in the next Congress.

### NEW CHURCH STARTED BY METHODISTS AT TOWN OF MARIANNA

A new church has been organized at Marianna by the Methodist Episcopal denomination. The work of organization was done by Rev. John C. McMillin of Jefferson, who was appointed in charge of mission work there by the Pittsburgh conference. The new church started off with 72 members.

Plans are on foot already for the erection of a church. The trustees named were J. P. Reifmiller, W. C. Dove, and Charles Conner. Not long ago a Christian church was organized there, through record work, Rev. Bob-Hitt of the Charleroi Christian church being one of the organizers.

### Bridge is Guarded.

Night watchmen, armed with rifles, guard the material and construction work of the new bridge at Monongahela which is being erected by the Fort Pitt Bridge company. The cause of this vigilance is to prevent interference from outside parties, as the work, it is understood, is conducted under the "open shop" methods. The bridge is being built in two sections, two partially erected bridges blown up during the past two years, and is consequently taking no more chances.

The Lady Macabees of Monessen are holding their outing at Eldora Park today. A large crowd is in attendance.

## QUESTION OF BLACK POWDER CAUSES STRIKE AT MONGAH

Tarleton Sold to  
the Pittsburgh Club

Former Charleroi Player, With  
"Bill" McKechnie, to Re-  
port at End of Season

President Dreyfus of the Pittsburgh

the purchase of two star players of the Wheeling club, both products of the P. O. M. league of two years ago. One of these is "Bob" Tarleton, the former Charleroi manager, captain and first baseman, and William McKechnie, the former star third baseman of the Washington club. The players will report at the close of the championship season in Wheeling.

### DONORA FOR FIRST TIME IN THE RING

Has Candidate and One Who  
is Well Able to Take  
Care of Job

### PAYMASTER AT BIG PLANT

The bitter contest which developed in the ranks of the Republican party of Washington county over the nomination of a candidate for the new office of county controller created a favorable opportunity for an independent Republican to step into the breach. Of the active candidates who were first to enter, neither was willing to compromise and it appeared that a serious rupture would follow the nomination.

At this time Donora, the big steel town of the Monongahela valley, came forward with a candidate in the person of Orion G. Frazier, chief timekeeper and paymaster at the steel works of the American Steel and Wire company. Ranking second in valuation of all the thriving towns of the county and with a population of 5,000, Donora has never been represented in any county office, even a clerkship. But one man in Donora has heretofore asked support for a county office and his name was withdrawn before the printing of the ballots.

Mr. Frazier has been a resident of Donora practically since the town was founded. He engaged in the grocery business during his first year there and then retired from the mercantile business to accept employment with the steel company. His ability won rapid promotion until he attained the important position he now holds. As paymaster he has charge of the distribution of over a million dollars paid out in wages to employees each year. He is now serving his sixth year as a member of the Donora School board, of which he is also secretary. During his two terms the board has financed three school buildings, aggregating an investment of \$160,000.

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Meeting Held Last Night at  
Which President Fee-  
han was Present

### OFFICIALS BECOME HUFFY

State That Now Owing to Diffs-

culties They Will Not Allow  
the Mines to be Opened Up

A meeting held last night at Monongahela by the miners of the Monongahela River Consolidated Coal and Coke company to reach a possible settlement of a strike declared yesterday resulted in nothing. Francis Feehan, president of District No. 5, United Mine Workers, was present at the meeting, and it is said, after hearing the account of the trouble advised the men to go back to work, but now the mine officials step in and state they will not under any circumstances reopen the mine. The trouble is over the use of carbonite.

The mines have been closed for about five days for repairs. It was to resume yesterday. The miners, between 250 and 300 in number, refused to go to work, unless they be allowed to use black powder as formerly. The State inspectors have advised the use of carbonite in mines, but this is said to be more expensive to the miners, and the officials of the Monongahela mine refuse to reimburse them. Here is where the kick lies.

President Feehan at the meeting stated as having said that the mine did wrong in striking without an official investigation. He was of the opinion that if matters had been properly handled, a settlement could have been reached.

The trouble is identical with that which recently occurred at the Charleroi mines but which was settled by the officials of the mine workers and the superintendent of the mine, Jesse K. Johnston. The miners are paid for the extra expense.

### "SNIPE HUNTERS" ARE DISCHARGED

Burgess Risbeck Finds Acts  
Were Not Committed With-  
in Borough Limits

"Discharged" was the verdict of Burgess George W. Risbeck to the youths of Charleroi, commonly known as "snipe hunters" this afternoon. Mr. Risbeck withheld his verdict until 4 o'clock today for the purpose of allowing him time to make investigations. In these he found that the facts with which the young fellows are charged and for which they in the majority plead guilty, were committed outside the borough limits.

It is now up to the county and township authorities to do something. The local officials are sorry that they are unable to take any action by which the young fellows may be made to realize the enormity of the offense.

### Meeting Tonight.

A meeting of the executive committee of the Church league will be held tonight at the office of Dr. J. W. Mason. All members of the committee are requested to be present, as there is business of importance.

J. K. Tener, Pres. S. A. Walton, Vice Pres. R. H. Rash, Cashier.

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## Aug. 18 in American History.

1807—Charles Francis Adams, statesman and diplomat, United States minister to England during the civil war, born; died 1880.

1877—Two satellites of Mars were discovered by Professor Asaph Hall at Washington.

1896—Professor Frederick William Crouch, composer of "Kathleen Mavourneen," died in Portland, Me.; born 1808.

## ASTRONOMICAL EVENTS.

Sun sets 6:50, rises 5:10; moon sets 14 p. m.

## The Dull Season.

Charleroi is now undergoing what is known in trade circles as "the dull season." It is midway between summer and fall trade, when the demand for seasonal goods has been satisfied to a large extent, and the buying public, unless artificially stimulated, is undergoing a waiting period.

This is a condition which can to a large extent be averted by the business people if they make the proper effort. Instead of accepting and acquiescing in a "dull season," such a period can be eliminated entirely from the business calendar of any live town. There is scarcely a merchant but who has goods on his shelves and in boxes he'd rather turn into cash at a sharp discount than carry over until another season. As a matter of fact all do make special reduced prices as the season nears an end, but sameness of this method fails to use the public after reasonable prices are satisfied.

What is necessary is something new and novel. In some of the live towns the business people unite in a "bargain day" with some carnival features attached. Something in the way of public amusement or entertainment is provided, while the real attraction is genuine bargains in staple and seasonal articles marked down to the lowest notch for the occasion. In these towns something is doing all the time, because the business people do not recognize any dull season. They make conditions which keeps trade moving the whole year 'round.

## Rule or Ruin.

True to his political policies of past years, ex-Congressman E. F. Acheson, when he finds he cannot rule the republican party in Washington county, is doing what he can to ruin it. Through his papers at the county seat—the Observer and Reporter—he is making political capital of the fight for the nomination for controller, and doing what he can to create a factional fight and disrupt the party. More than that he is maligning these prominent in public affairs, by insinuations, innuendo and even false assertions, and is bending every effort to accomplish his ends. If he cannot rule the Republican party in the county he would ruin it and gloat over the results.

Mr. Acheson will not succeed in his nefarious mission. The stench of his former regime is still too fresh in the nostrils of the public. No matter

what may be the mistakes or omissions of the present administration it is the government of the people and they have the power to rectify any mistakes at a later date. When the last of the political methods installed by the past regime are wiped out party peace and harmony will reign.

## Catch the Assassin.

The feeble efforts of the relatives of the late Benoit Vanoucke, the man who was assassinated in cold blood in Charleroi on the morning of August 31, to apprehend the assassin, is a move that should be seconded by the county officials. From all appearances the murder was a deliberately planned assassination for purposes of revenge or expediency, one of the gravest crimes against society. It matters not what the social standing of the victim many happen to be, the offense is of a nature that the officials cannot well afford to ignore.

The county authorities should offer a reward for the arrest and conviction of the assassin. If crimes of this nature continue to be ignored assassinations are likely to become a common form of satisfying petty revenges, particularly in communities with a large foreign population. Prompt official action is necessary in order to show that such crimes will not be tolerated. Protection to the community at large demands that something be done in this case.

## Electric Sparks

Some of the county officials want to know what we are doing, "ripping them up the back?" That's it. We want to know what they are doing.

The smell of a garbage wagon is one never to be forgotten—you may miss your guess when you try to name certain other articles from their odor, but a garbage wagon, never.

Wonder how the tale got out about the man who found a stuffed pair of overalls under his bed, and so certain was he that it was a burglar, that he secured a revolver, and stood around a long time, threatening, but finally pulling it out. It's a sure bet the man himself didn't tell it.

The people of Everson, Fayette county, are at present hunting their lockup, stolen by some disreputable wretch, who must have wanted the iron.

"The good old summer time lingers a little too long for comfort."—Exchange. You old growler. Last March you were kicking because summer seemed too far off, and now you display yourself, just because you have had your vacation and can't bear to see anyone else enjoying theirs.

A Uniontown newspaper is continually scrapping with some one. When it runs out of a contemporary to fight with, it starts on the much abused council.

## THE JOY OF EATING.

It is Coured to the Fullest Extent in Berlin.

The Germans in a good many ways get more happiness out of life as they go along than we do. Eating is an innocent pleasure, and they eat out more and more. No one is required to get up to breakfast. There is never any formal family breakfast. Coffee and rolls are sent to your room, or you can go into the dining room and get them when you choose. Not having had breakfast enough, a German spends all the rest of the day in making up for it. At 10:30 or 11 everybody takes lunch. The laborers along the streets all stop to eat. And in general it may be said that in all places and at all hours it is good form and a matter of course to draw out a substantial sandwich of rye bread and raw ham and go to munching. Women do it at the opera. Students do it at the university between classes. Dinner comes at 2 o'clock. About 5 the maid brings to your room coffee and rolls and perhaps cake. At 9 p. m. is supper. Those who are going out to any entertainment may have supper at 9 or 7. But there is always a long enough intermission at the opera or theater for those who are disposed to take lunch, and most persons are disposed.

There are innumerable restaurants all about the city, and tens of thousands of people eat there, sitting at little tables in the open air right by the sidewalk. After the day with all its noise and haste to ever it is a favorite custom to go to a restaurant and sit there for half the night eating and drinking and listening to music. No city in the world hears so much good music so cheaply as Berlin. And everybody who is anybody knows enough about music to talk with some intelligence. Berlin Letter to Springfield (Mass.) Republican.

## HALF A CENTURY OF OIL

Fifty years ago, toward the end of August, 1859, the first petroleum well at a point on Oil Creek, near where Titusville, now flourishes, says the Philadelphia Press. This was the beginning of the industry which has reached such stupendous proportions. Steps have just been taken by the citizens of Titusville to celebrate the semicentennial of an event the importance of which is not second to any in the economic history of the United States.

Fifty years of petroleum have wrought revolution, first in artificial illumination throughout a large part of the civilized world, while in the enormous growth of the automobile industry another direct result of Drake's drilling is observable. Oil fuel for ships, locomotives and stationary engines is still in its infancy. So far as by-products of petroleum are concerned, they are as varied, as valuable as the by-products of coal tar.

They enter into everyday life in curious ways, for instance, as a basis for chewing gum. Recently "petrol butter" was announced, but apparently it is not to be marketed.

Drake was a conductor on the New York and New Haven Railroad. The corporation that employed him conceived the idea of drilling a well to obtain a supply of the oil. A Pittsburgh druggist named Samuel Kier had already led the way for its use as an illuminant. Kerosene—oil distilled from coal—was introduced from Germany. Refinement of the crude petroleum collected by skimming the salt wells in Pennsylvania was Kier's idea. Notwithstanding the horrid smell and the smoke of this carbon oil which Kier produced in Pittsburgh, it was greatly in demand. Seventy cents a gallon was paid for it in New York, and the price rose as high as \$2 a gallon on account of the limited supply.

By mere chance Drake was put in charge of the operations. To him appears to belong the credit of drilling instead of sinking wells by digging through the sand. There was little romance to the operations in their progress. Hard work and discouragements there were in plenty. "Uncle Billy" Smith, a skilled drillman, with his sons as helpers, performed the actual work at the rate of two or three feet a day.

At last, having penetrated over fifty feet of sand and reached a depth of sixty-nine feet by drilling, "Uncle Billy" stopped work one evening. Next morning the well was found nearly full of oil. "Gushers" came later. That was the beginning of the boom in Pennsylvania by which poor farmers became fabulously rich, and in which fortunes were lost as well as those that were gained. Cities and towns quickly sprung into existence in the oil field. "Coal Oil Johnny" was a notorious example of the follies produced by sudden fortune. Half a century later we find the oil industry one of the greatest of our national assets, controlled by representative business men of great administrative capacity. "Uncle Billy" drilling under the supervision of Drake is well worthy of a commemoration such as that proposed at Titusville.

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## A SOUTH-SEA ROMANCE

The Mutiny Long Ago on the Bounty, a British Man-of-war.

Who has not heard of the mutiny of the Bounty? The romance of it still lingers from one end of the Pacific to the other. The descendants of the mutineers of the British man-of-war and their dusky wives are living and bear English names made famous, or infamous, more than a century ago.

The British man-of-war had gone to Tahiti. The commander, Blythe, was harsh and cruel to his men. The women of Tahiti loved the fair-skinned sailors and sought to hide them from Blythe, their oppressor, but they were captured, and the ship sailed away, but only to return. When it returned, in command was Fletcher Christian, midshipman, and a score of mutineers. The true Blythe and his loyal companions had been set adrift in an open boat. Marvellous to relate, after traversing thousands of miles of open ocean they reached the Australian coast. Here they found a haven of refuge at a British outpost. For twenty years all trace of Fletcher Christian and his companions was lost, although searching expedition after expedition

was sent. Each of the mutineers save the remorseful Fletcher Christian took unto himself a wife. As it meant death to their husbands to live in Tahiti, they helped the men they loved to man the boat that bore them away to seek some desert island. After sailing for many days in the extreme southern tropical sea the rock of Pitcairn arose before them.

Twenty years later a British merchantman sighted by chance the lone rock in the southern Pacific and sent a boat ashore. To the astonishment of the crew, dusky men and women ran down to the beach to welcome them in their own tongue and claimed to be "English." Only one old man among them, Adams, of pure British blood still survived. He was found, Bible in hand, teaching in the little Sunday school which he had built and where he had educated the children of the colony and taught them the tenets of the Christian faith.

When the news reached England a British man-of-war was sent for the last of the mutineers of the Bounty. Aboard was a king's pardon for Adams, so that, after all, he died a British subject, surrounded by his dusky children and grandchildren. The colony was then removed from the faraway southern isle to Tahiti, but homestead-knoss overcame its members, and they returned to the verdant rock.—New Idea Magazine.

## How Attraction Acts.

Attraction acts very curiously. Thus if there were a man in the moon and if he were like the men on the earth he would be able to leap over a three storied house with as much ease as an ordinary jumper springs over a three foot fence in consequence of the forces of attraction being much less at the moon's surface than at the earth's. An elephant there would be as light footed as the deer here. A boy throwing stones might easily land them in an adjoining county. On the other hand, the reverse of all this would happen in Jupiter or Saturn. They being so much greater than the earth, their attraction would so impede locomotion that a man would scarcely be able to crawl, and large animals would be crushed by their own weight.

## In the Land of Windmills.

The Dutch when they invite you, and they are not a guest seeking race, are extremely hospitable and make you at once welcome. Sometimes, however, when it comes to dinner, their active hospitality demands an energetic recognition. The table is laid with piles of plates before each chair. On your first visit the spoons and forks are heavy silver, the knives of the finest steel and ivory. You accept, however, eat with them again. When you have been shown that a family possesses them that ends it. You eat thereafter from everyday ware.

"What would the silver be like for our descendants if we used it often?" an old lady asked me. "What would we have if our ancestors had been careless?"—Eva Madden in Harper's Bazar.

## A Curiosity in Boundaries.

About 600 yards from the station at Herseaux, at the crossroads from Oudeourde to Roubaix, on the way from Tournai to Monselieu, there is a directing post which from a topographical point of view is a curiosity. This post marks the separation between the two countries, France and Belgium; three provinces or departments, Le Nord, western Flanders and Hainaut; three bishoprics, Cambrai, Bourges and Tournai. Three races dwell around it, speaking three languages, French, Flemish and Wallon. It is also in three communes, Wattrelos, Herseaux and Estaimpuis.—London Globe.

## The Only Way to Know.

Catherine had asked so many questions, and father was growing impatient. Finally he said, "Oh, Catherine, I can't answer half your questions." "I know you can't, father, but then I do not know which half you can't answer."—Delineator.

Mrs. Telling: It isn't polite to turn your back on people.

Telling: It isn't wise, either, unless you are sure that your dress is fastened to the limit. Think that over.—Chicago News.

Sanitary instruction is more important than sanitary legislation.—Derby

## WATERLESS BATHING

A Good Rub and an Air Bath, a Substitute For the Tub.

The conditions and contrivances of our civilization demand a new method of bathing. It is popularly supposed that this frequent bathing is essential to health. "This is quite untrue," says the Medical Journal. "We have seen one and vigorous men among the habitants of Canada, who had never taken a full bath in their lives. Were the truth known, many thousands of our fellow citizens probably know nothing of the alleged benefits of the tub, though maintaining excellent average health. Such people do not present the fresh and pleasing appearance of the frequent bather, however long lived they may be. Is not, however, much of the benefit attributed to the water in reality due to the complete exposure of the skin to the air?"

The respiratory function of the skin is of high importance, and, although water may be dispensed with, closing the pores to air would result in speedy asphyxiation. The historic instance of the boy who impersonated John the Baptist in a medieval procession and whose body was covered with gold leaf with rapidly fatal results is proof.

The ice cold bath is a superstition; it is a pastime for the abnormally vigorous, not desirable for the average civilized man. A bath not too cold is really an agreeable stimulant as well as being a luxury. The feeling of well being after a bath can hardly be obtained in any other way, and the rapid multiplication of tubs in hotels and private residences, soon to approach one to the individual, shows how they are appreciated.

Unhappy persons, however, whose travels in the provinces or into the desert may temporarily deprive them of sufficient water for bathing may find a substitute that will at least afford a part of their accustomed enjoyment. The body may be energetically rubbed with a brush or coarse Turkish towel and afterward exposed to the air for fifteen minutes or so. The accustomed feeling of vigor will follow and the process will be found by the uninitiated to be astonishingly cleansing.

## A STRANGE TRIBE

The Touaregs, to Whom Timbuktu Owes Its Origin.

A recent explorer, journeying from Tripoli across the great desert of Sahara, gives account of much opposition to his progress offered by the various wandering tribes. Much of the most serious trouble was caused by the Touaregs, a strange land of people, supposed by some to have descended from the crusaders. These dwellers of the desert are distinguished by the wearing of veils, a custom which has caused much discussion. Says Felix Dubois in "Timbuktu the Mysterious": "As you travel an atmosphere of secrecy hovers over the country, and you remember that these mysterious Touaregs are still momentarily its oppressors and masters."

These people keep their eyes from the excessive glow of the desert by two veils, one rolled round the temples and falling down in front, the other reaching from the nostrils to the edge of the clothing, covering the lower part of the face. Servants seek all manner of farfetched excuses to explain this custom. Hygiene is obviously the only motive. This is proved by their own statements and by the subterfuge, "mouths for flies," which they give to all who do not wear the veils.

These veils are never removed, even at mealtimes. They are so much a part of their wearers that any one deprived of such covering is unrecognized by his friends and relatives. If a number of the tribe should be killed in battle, no one could identify them if they had not on their veils.

Timbuktu is the Touareg's natural form of industry. "This word," says a native proverb, "is like water fallen upon sand, never to be found again." The Touaregs term them as "thieves, hypocrites and abandoned of God." Yet to this strange tribe Timbuktu owes its origin.

## The Force of Habit.

One of the campers had done something peculiarly idiotic, and the dean said, "Dick reminds me of Thomas' colt."

"What about Thomas' colt?" asked Dick cheerfully. "Why," the dean responded readily, "where I lived in Maine when I was a boy an old man named Thomas raised horses. He once put out to pasture a colt which had been fed from its birth in a box stall and watered at the trough in the yard."

"The pasture lay across a small river, and in the middle of the day the colt swam the stream to go up to the barnyard for a drink of water."

## English as Spoken in London.

I must confess to passing that after a lifetime spent upon English I had never so much difficulty with that language as she is spoke upon the streets of London by the common people as I had with French and German in Paris and Berlin. The most popular sensational journal of London is the Daily Mail. They call it the Dilly Mille. Many other words are equally unrecognizable.—London Letter to Springfield (Mass.) Republican.

## A Never-Failing Supply.

The fond husband was scolding his wife off with the children for their "factions" in the country. "As she got into the train he said, 'But, my dear, won't you take some action to read?' " "Oh, no," she responded sweetly, "I shall depend upon your letters from home."—London Letter.

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## FIRST PLAYING CARDS

They Seem to Have Sprung From the Naibis of the Saracens.

### INVENTION OF A VENETIAN.

The Evidence Appears to Prove That Games With Cards Originated Toward the End of the Fourteenth Century—The Cards of Charles VI.

The earliest direct mention of playing cards discovered so far is in the "History of the City of Viterbo," says the New York Telegraph. The author quotes Corello, who wrote about the end of the fifteenth century:

"In the year of 1379 was brought into Viterbo the game of cards, which comes from the country of the Saracens and is with them called naibis."

It is worthy of remark that Corello did not write at that date as mentioned, but a century later, in 1480, and it is quite possible that he may have been mistaken in attributing the cards to Saracenic origin or may have simply been quoting a popular tradition.

The Saracens were familiar with naibis, the predecessor of cards, but they did not invent the game of cards, of which naibis were only a part.

The earliest date about which there can be no dispute at which playing cards are directly mentioned by a writer as a matter of his personal experience is that discovered in the register of the court treasurer of France, in the reign of Charles VI. The entry is under the date of Feb. 1, 1392, as follows:

"Given to Jacquemin Gringonneur, painter, for three packs of playing cards, in gold and various colors and ornamented with several devices, to carry before the lord our king for his amusement and that of Paris."

This is the foundation upon which is based the popular notion that playing cards were invented for the amusement of a crazy French king. Critics have pointed out that the amount paid is simply for the hand painting and decoration of the cards. There is nothing in the entry that gives ground for supposing that the cards themselves were new.

There are on exhibition today at the National Library in Paris what are supposed to be specimens of these cards that were painted for Charles VI, and this has strengthened the impression that they are the original model from which all playing cards have been copied. Unfortunately for the fame of the exhibit, it has been proved that the cards shown in Paris are really very fine Venetian imitations and are part of an edition made at least as late as 1425.

During the twenty years that follow this date of the royal treasurer's (1392) literature is full of references to playing cards. Almost every author that mentions games of gambling paraphrases one or more games of cards. But before that date no author has been found to a game that could be construed as a card game, although there are several writers who might reasonably be expected to mention cards if they were acquainted with them.

Hugh von Tymborg, who wrote in the second half of the thirteenth and the beginning of the fourteenth century; Petrarch, who wrote in the first half of the fourteenth century; Guicciard, who wrote in the second half of the fourteenth century, made no mention of cards, although in the writings of all of them there are references to gambling tables and implements.

In the Escorial library there is a manuscript composed by order of Don Alfonso the Wise, dated 1221, which gives the rules for a number of games, especially chess and dice, but does not contain a word about cards.

But one naturally asks if the earliest mention of cards is to be found in the register of the royal treasurer of France where did cards come from if they were not a new thing to him?

To go back a little it is well known that there existed long before the date of any mention of playing cards a series of emblematic pictures called naibis, which were used by gypsies and others for the purpose of fortune telling and sorcery. It is probably these naibis that were brought to Europe by the Saracens, and perhaps they were supposed to be of Saracenic origin.

Authorities seem to be pretty well agreed that toward the end of the fourteenth century some inventive genius, probably a Venetian, selected a number of these naibis or pictures and added to them a series of numerical cards so as to convert them into implements by which the excitement of chance and the interest of gaming might be added to the amusement afforded by the original naibis.

The principal reason for assuming that cards originated in Italy and not in France is that the names of the cards themselves and the names of the earliest known games played with them are all Italian and that these Italian terms were carried all over Europe. If they were of French origin the nomenclature might be expected to be French.

## A PROPOSAL IN THREE LANGUAGES.

By F. A. MITCHELL.

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On Lake Como, in northern Italy, is a little cluster of hotels and shops called Bellagio. The place is near the boundary line between two countries, in one of which French is spoken and in the other Italian. English Americans, French, Italians and Germans all meet here, and the linguistic condition is similar to that at the famous tower of Babel. The hotel and shop keepers, boatmen and others are obliged to continually express themselves in one of three or four languages. French is the prevailing tongue, with English second and German third.

After having finished my education I decided upon a year's travel in Europe before beginning the practice of my profession, and that summer at the height of the Italian lake season I found myself at Bellagio. The hotel at which I secured room at the best moment of Lake Como, the water playing against its stone and marble porch. On the evening of my arrival I dined at one of the tables on this porch. The lake—or rather this portion of it—is surrounded by mountain peaks, which stand out in bold silhouette against the twilight. On the other shore, a couple of miles away, the lights of Cadenabbia were beginning to glimmer on the line between the mountain base and the lake.

At a table on my left sat a party some of the members of which were speaking Italian, others French. Among them was a beautiful Italian girl. They were drinking champagne and chatting merrily, while I sat alone, wishing that I might even understand what they said. One of the men addressed a remark to me in broken English. I met him more than halfway and was invited to join the party.

That night I dreamed of the Italian girl, Signorina Alida Jaconti. I had carried on a spirited dialogue with her at the table, our language being one-tenth Italian, one-tenth French, one-tenth English and seven-tenths pantomime. Every one who knows anything about love knows that as a dreamer feeds on fantasies so love thrives on difficulties. A man may make love to any girl who speaks the same tongue as himself and go to sleep at the same time. There's no incentive in it. But when a fellow and a girl have but a few dozen words in common and must "scrabble" to make themselves understood the little god empties his quiver before them.

Well, the next morning I hired one of those delightful little boats with which Lake Como abounds, each furnished with a canopy and soft cushions, to say nothing of a boatman to do the work, and the signorina and I went for a "promenade," as they call it there, on the water. Perhaps you think there was nothing for the boatman to do but to row. Not much. He spoke French, Italian and English, the latter being his specialty. A college-bred American, knew but one language. The signorina spoke French and Italian. So, you see, there were three tongues in the party. Before starting I slipped a line into the boatman's palm. He thought it was to induce him to row fast. Not a bit. I had in view a different use for him. Besides, I didn't propose that he should make me and the girl ridiculous by telling people what it was. I wanted him for an interpreter.

As soon as we were off the signorina and I, leaning back on the cushions, renewed the struggle to communicate of the evening before. It ran like this: "Est il ver' bellissimo" (beautiful). "Vous n'avez pas" (you have not). "aucun" (anything). "so bellissimo in Amerique."

"Not a woman in the country so beautiful as you," I replied in four languages and a superfluity of pantomime. "Ah, monsieur." (Clasped hands, smiles, eyes turned upward.) It wasn't long before I had found her hand under a fold of her dress where the boatman couldn't see and a current of language common to all people, felt, not spoken, ran between us with all the brightness of a bubbling brook. So for awhile we sat without speaking. The boatman jogged along over the smooth waters which splashed softly against the boat. The reflection of the mountains and the heavens trembling in the lake started me again.

"Votre yeux" (your eyes), I said. "Boatman, what's the French for reflect?"

"Reflechit," monsieur.

"Votre yeux reflechit les— What's the French for beaute?"

"Ciel, monsieur."

"Bully." Then to the girl, "Votre yeux reflechit les ciel."

"Ah, monsieur." The eyes went up and the hands were clasped.

Fortunately that all important word is much the same in several languages, all derived from the Latin. It is amor (love), amo (I love).

"Boatman," I began and stopped. I couldn't even bear to ask for a word at such a time. "Boatman," I began again, "what's that directly behind you?"

He turned, and I whispered with my lips close to hers:

"I amo voi" (I love you).

And so with one letter of French, one word of Latin and one of Italian I did the trick.

## MANY SPECIAL FLAGS.

Uncle Sam Has Some Which Are Very Seldom Seen.

### COLORS OF THE PRESIDENT.

Not Until 1832 Did the Chief Executive of the Nation Have a Personal Banner, but Now He Has Three, the Naval, Army and Peace Flags.

As the United States grew and the government expanded many new departments were added, and with them many special flags have come into existence. Least often seen and yet most interesting of these twenty-five or thirty special flags is that of the president of the United States. He has a wealth of them—in fact, no less than three—but they are seldom seen in public. There are two each of these flags, one of burling and one of silk. They are exactly alike, with this exception, but the one of silk is called the "president's colors."

The president of the United States went aboard a ship his presence was denoted by the national flag hoisted at the main truck, and his presence in a garrison or post was denoted by the raising of the big garrison flag. These were not entirely distinctive as denoting the presence of the president, for these flags were hoisted on gala occasions when the president was not around. The lack of a distinguishing flag for him was felt by the navy also, and the secretary of the navy by general orders, Aug. 10, 1882, established a flag for the president of the United States. The general orders described the flag as of blue bunting with the coat of arms of the United States in the center. The flag was to be hoisted at the main of the vessel when the president was aboard and be carried at the bow of the launch on which he came aboard.

In the army there was no distinguishing flag for the president of the United States until just before the outbreak of the Spanish-American war. Colonel Theodore Bingham, who was then superintendent of public buildings and grounds, called the attention of President McKinley to this lack of a distinguishing flag for him and stated that he thought the commander in chief of the United States army and navy ought to have a distinguishing flag. President McKinley did not like the suggestion, but the secretary of war did, and a flag was made. It was designed by Frederick D. Owen and is a beautiful thing to look at. The official description of the flag is as follows:

"The president's flag is of scarlet bunting, thirteen feet by eight feet high. In each corner is a five pointed star of five inch radius to the tips. In the center of the scarlet field is a large fifth star, also of five points, two feet nine inches in radius to the tips. Inside of this star is a parallel star, measured from it by a band of white three inches wide. The inner star forms the blue field upon which is the coat of arms of the United States. On the scarlet field around the large star are forty-six small white stars, one for each state, equally scattered in the rectangular angles and all included within the circumference of an imaginary circle three feet and a quarter in radius. In the upper point over the triangle is a constellation of thirteen stars, representing the original thirteen states of the American confederation."

Mr. Owen explained that in the olive leaves, its berries and the arrows is symbolized the original thirteen. It is also not a little singular that the official seal should bear in its motto exactly thirteen letters and that the general order which created the flag was also numbered thirteen. The magnificent silken colors of the president's flag are of scarlet, and the design is embroidered upon this so exquisitely that it is impossible to tell right from wrong side when looking at the flag. The colors on the flag are what is called "proper"—that is, natural—the eagle being brown and the olive branches green, with red berries. This flag is to be displayed only in time of war.

Yet another flag has the president. In 1902 the "peace" flag was adopted. This third flag differs in a good many respects from the other two. In the first place, the great seal of the United States is correctly depicted. On the other flags the design of the seal is seven red stripes and six white ones, which is correct, as the flag design was adopted by the Third congress, but when the great seal was adopted the designer, not knowing much about the flag, as the forefathers intended, and six red stripes. And that is the seal today. There was a long discussion whether the seal should not be changed to agree with the stripes on the flag, as the forefathers intended, but it was decided that as it had been adopted it should remain. This "peace" flag thus has the seal correctly depicted. The eagle is snow white, its feathers being outlined in deep black. There is a different arrangement of the stars and of the sunburst also. The sunburst is exactly circular in form, with the rays radiating from the group of stars. The colors are of silk, with exactly the same design as the Washington Star.

The Remedy.

"Doctor, I'm troubled with a terrible buzzing in my ears."

"Get a divorce," Boston Transcript.

The secret of success in life is for a man to be ready for his opportunity when it comes.—Disraeli.

## FIRST PRESBYTERIANS WINS FROM EPISCOPALS

Church League.

Yesterday's Results: First Presbyterian 7 Episcopal 0 Standing of Clubs.

	W.	L.	Pct.
Christian	5	0	1000
Methodist	6	1	857
Lutheran	4	3	571
First Presbyterian	3	4	429
W. A. Presbyterian	2	4	333
Episcopal	0	8	000

Thursday's Game: Christian vs. Methodist

The First Presbyterians defeated the Episcopalians in a church league game last night, by the score of 7 to 0. Provance pitched a good game, allowing but 2 hits. The score:

	R	H	P	A	E
Wilson, 1	0	1	0	1	0
Frye, 3	0	0	0	2	1
Ward, 2	2	1	3	3	0
Laurie, 5	2	1	1	0	2
Strausser, 1	2	1	0	1	1
Pieper, m	1	0	3	0	0
Prvance, p	0	0	0	1	0
Oiler, c	0	1	6	0	0
Smith, 1	0	0	0	0	0

Total.....7 5 24 8 4

	R	H	P	A	E
Cratty, c	0	0	9	2	1
R. Turnbull p	0	0	0	7	2
Kent, s	0	0	1	1	1
Matthews, 8	0	0	0	0	0
Bromwich, 1	0	0	0	0	0
Steak, m	0	1	0	0	0
Barger, 2	0	1	0	2	0
A. Turnbull, r	0	0	0	0	0
Johnston, 1	0	0	11	0	0

Total.....0 2 21 12 1

First Pres.....2 0 6 1 0 4 \*—7  
Episcopal.....0 0 0 0 0 0 0—0  
Struck out—By Provance, by Turnbull S. Double play—Ward and Wilson. Stolen bases—Frye, Strausser, Cratty, Kent.

### Monongahela Valley League.

Beile Vernon.....5 Fayette City.....5  
Donora—Brownsville  
Forfeited to Donora.

	W.	L.	Pct.
Roscoe	3	1	750
Monongahela	3	1	750
Fayette City	3	2	600
Beile Vernon	3	2	600
Donora	3	2	600
Charleroi	1	3	333
California	1	2	333
Brownsville	0	5	000

GAMES THIS WEEK:

Wednesday: Charleroi at Beile Vernon.

Thursday: Brownsville at Monongahela.

Fayette City at Roscoe.

Saturday: Fayette City at Charleroi.

California at Brownsville.

Donora at Monongahela.

Roscoe at Beile Vernon.

This afternoon the delegates of the Old Time Telegraphers and Historical association and the society of the United States Military Telegraph Corps, are being entertained at Monessen. The convention of these two organizations is now being held in Pittsburg, and the trip to Monessen was a special excursion, being arranged by Col. J. M. Schoonmaker. Thomas A. Edison, is said to be among the number of notable persons present.

### STAR GAZING.

The Study of the Constellations as a Pastime.

Probably every reader has often admired the beauty of a starlight night. A little careful observation on such a night will show that the brighter stars may be divided into groups of "constellations," as the astronomers call them, most of which are known by the names of animals or legendary persons, such for example as "The Great Bear," "The Swan," "Hercules," "Andromeda," etc. The easiest method of learning these "constellations" is from some one already acquainted with them, but if the beginner is not fortunate enough to know any such person the map may be learned from any cheap star map such as are sometimes contained in almanacs.

Now, if the budding astronomer will notice the position of any of these groups or constellations at a particular hour of any night and then look a few hours afterward he will see that during the interval the stars which appeared low down in the east have risen to the south in a somewhat similar manner to the apparent motion of the sun and moon, while closer attention on several evenings will show a circular or rotary movement around the north pole of the heavens, the motion being the opposite way to the hands of a clock.

Near the north pole is a bright star called the "Pole star." This star is once noted the seven bright stars of the "Great Bear," the two outer stars of the four forming the "square" known as the "polestars" point almost directly to the Pole star. This majestic movement of the stars around the pole of the heavens is a most sublime and wonderful sight.—Country Club.

## INDEPENDENCE TO GET NEW BUILDING

Township School Will No More Cause Trouble Among the Directors.

Among the Directors.

In the matter of the refusal of certain directors of Independence township to erect a new school house, Attorney R. W. Irwin yesterday afternoon presented an order to court, which was signed by the court. It was satisfactory to both the petitioners and the directors and means that the district will get the new school house.

The directors are given 60 days in which to begin the erection of the new building. A building fully adequate to accommodate the needs of the district must be put up. If the directors fail to commence the erection of a new building in the time required by the court they will be subject to removal.

### ROSCOE MAN CHARGED WITH SERIOUS CRIME

Nickolas Niehs, of Roscoe, a man probably 25 years of age, has been held for court on a serious charge preferred by John Pauly, whose 10 year old daughter Elizabeth he is alleged to have attacked with felonious intent.

It is alleged that on Sunday afternoon the man stopped the girl on her way home and carried her into a box car. It is stated that neighbors interfered, but such were the actions of the man that he plead guilty before Justice McKenna to the charge of assault and battery with criminal intent, and was taken to the Washington county jail.

Leonbrino Piamino and his wife, Josephine of West Bethlehem township, pleaded guilty at criminal court at Washington to selling liquor without license. On Monday Attorney Carl E. Gibson made a plea for the leniency of the court. Judge McIlvaine directed that a set be entered as to the woman on the payment of costs amounting to \$173, and sentenced the husband to pay costs, a fine of \$500 and undergo imprisonment in the county jail for a period of three months. The woman wept bitterly when Deputy Sheriff McBride conducted her husband to jail.

Sure of Something Good.

Van Antler—I think we are sure of a good dinner tonight. You know my new English butter does the entire catering for the household.

Grubb—Can you rely on him to— Van Antler—Not always, but this evening I recommended him to send us up something from the kitchen table.—Pack.

Again or Yet?

Stanleigh—Oh, Miss Wobblins, may I come to see you again? Miss Wobblins—Well, I cannot see how you can very well unless you go this time.—Life.

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## WHEN HER BACK ACHES

A Woman Finds all Her Faults.

Charleroi Women Know how the aches and pains that come when the kidneys fail make life a burden.

Backache, hip pains, headache, dizzy spells, distressing urinary troubles, all tell of sick kidneys and warn you of the stealthy approach of diabetes, dropsy and bright's disease. Doan's Kidney Pills permanently cure all these disorders. Here's proof of it in a Charleroi woman's words:

Miss N. K. McDevitt, 833 Lincoln avenue, Charleroi, Pa., says: "I was in such a serious condition as a result of kidney disease that I was unable to get around. I suffered severely from pains in my back and dull headaches. I had a constant feeling of depression and was unable to sleep well. A friend finally advised me to try Doan's Kidney Pills and I procured a box at Piper Bros' drug store. From my experience with this remedy I feel that I cannot praise it too highly. Doan's Kidney Pills lived up to representations in every way and gave me prompt relief from my suffering."

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# Berryman's

## A New Brassier Waist

For some time we have been having calls for a Brassier waist to sell for 50c. We were able to find a number that were all right to sell for \$1, but none the kind we wanted to sell for 50c. After considerable trouble we at last persuaded our corset house to make us a Brassier waist to sell for 50c. It is now here and is bound to be a big seller. Every lady that has a full bust should have one. It gives her a better form and figure. It allows her to wear a long hip and a low bust corset with comfort and to always look neat and well proportioned. Come and let our corset lady show you and explain the merits of this new waist.

## Men's Shirts

Good shirts for 50c and \$1.00, better shirts for \$1.50, but all wonderful values for the money.

We sell the Eagle Shirt—nothing better can be made and the styles are very choice and neat.

## Suit Cases

Good suit cases generally cost a good price because to wear well they must put in good material. Just now we can sell you good suit cases and not charge more than an ordinary price. From \$1.00 for a good, strong, large size imitation suit case up to \$18.00 for a fine, elegant black walrus case that you will be proud to carry in any company.

## LOCAL NOTES

### Brief Mention of People and Events in this Community.

Miss Annie Craven, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Craven of Beallsville, is the guest of friends in Charleroi.

Mrs. Margaret Dawson and son Keith are guests of Mrs. Dawson's parents on Crest avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Constable of Pittsburg are visiting friends and relatives in Charleroi.

Henry Rose and daughter, Mrs. Werling of Pittsburg, are guests of Mr. Rose's daughter, Mrs. John Bartholomew of Crest avenue.

J. W. Allen and C. E. Jackson of Uniontown, prominently identified with fraternal organizations, especially Odd Fellows and Knights of Pythias, were attending to business transactions in this place recently.

Halbert E. Dawson of Beallsville drove over to Charleroi and returned yesterday.

Miss Roberta Brown, accompanied by her friend, Miss Annie Craven of Beallsville, were Pittsburg callers Monday.

Miss Nora Springer of Uniontown is the guest of her former chum at Douglas college at Uniontown.

John C. Abrams of Braddock was the guest of Miss Frances Estenfelder on Sunday.

Paul Ryland was a business visitor this morning in Donora.

Misses Effie Provance, Katherine Barrett and Ida Carroll are among those attending the Donora merchants outing at Rock Point today.

Dannie Lan of Homewood is spending the day in Pittsburg with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Sheep have returned from a wedding trip to Watson town.

Miss Mary Ward of Uniontown is in Charleroi visiting her sister, Mrs. Walter Crow.

Mrs. H. J. Booth and children have returned from Chautauque, where they spent a few weeks.

William Shannon has returned from Ohio, where he attended school during the summer.

Prof. Daniel Gayman of near Millsboro, and former teacher in the Charleroi High School, is here circulating among friends.

Henry W. Norman, who has been manager of J. W. Berryman and Son's big department store since last January, leaves today for Huntingdon, where he has accepted a position as manager of the Huntingdon Dry Goods company. Mr. Norman is a first class dry goods man, and his employers here were loth to part with him.

Cure For Lonesomeness. The redheaded girl is a winner—and the man who gets one will not be lonesome. He will soon find out whether he has drawn a Titian haired angel or a combination of a cyclone and a sunset.—Baltimore Sun.

The worlds best drink, Barger's Tea and Coffee, 327 Fallowfield avenue. 306tf

## Classified Ads

WANTED—Experienced press feeder for job and cylinder presses. Address News, Monessen, Pa. 307tf

WANTED—English speaking foreign girl for chamber work; also experienced American waitress. Fifth Avenue Hotel, Monessen. 308tf

WANTED—Day work by good laundress, 1214 Twelfth and Meadow. 3182tp

WANTED—A half grown girl 14 L. Collins, 218 Washington avenue. 318tf

FOR SALE—One lot located 917 Shady at \$900. W. J. Higgins, 233 McKean 313eod

FOR SALE—10 city lots in Orlando, Florida, at from \$50 to \$200 each. Inquire W. J. Higgins, 233 McKean avenue. 313eod

FOR SALE—One collapsible go-cart, and one cradle, good as new. Call 299 Mail office. 300tf

FOR SALE—Two colts, one year and two years old. Eugene Moreau, Second street near Woodland. 306tp

FOR RENT—Three rooms either furnished or unfurnished. Inquire 237 Mail office. 3182tp

FOR RENT—Furnished room with bath. Inquire 214 Washington avenue. 3184p

FOR RENT—Nice airy six room flat with bath and pantry. Charleroi Real Estate Agency company. First National Bank Building. 308tf

FOR RENT—Pleasantly furnished room, business part of town. Bath. 296 Mail office. 318tf

# Mowing Down Shoe Prices



There is only one way to clean up stock, and that is to forget COST and lose sight of value. That our method is correct has been demonstrated by making this Shoe Store the busiest place in the city.

Odd lot of about 100 pairs 50c baby soft sole shoes, broken lines, all colors and sizes in lot, some soiled from being handled, choice, pair

19c

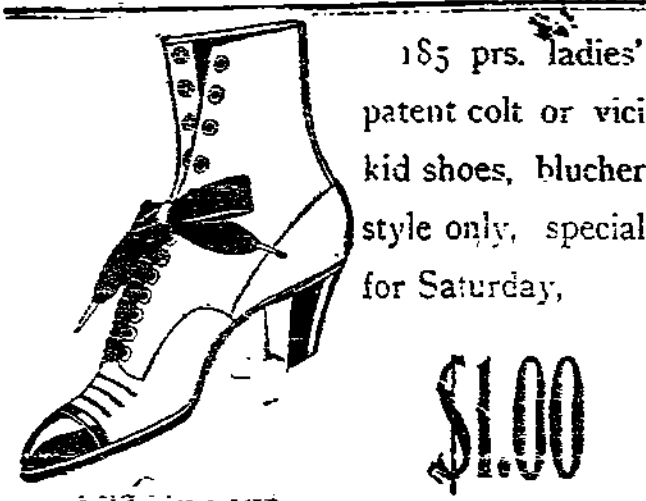
98c for Boys' \$1.50 and \$2.00 Shoes

Army style shoes. We challenge anybody in Charleroi to produce a shoe for 98c the equal in style, fit and wear of this shoe. Made of selected calf leathers, neat toe shape, blucher style, guaranteed solid leather counters, heels all rubber-soles; as a hard wear resister this shoe will be appreciated by mothers who have about given up trying to get a serviceable shoe for boys at a reasonable price. All sizes, at \$1.29 and

98c

Men's and Ladies' 50c Slippers 29c

Our clearance of Ladies' Oxfords is making this store the talk of the town. Such price-cutting on good clean merchandise has never been heard of before. And you wouldn't wonder when you see the tremendous values we are offering. All the season's best styles in the newest and best leathers, good choice of sizes and widths in nearly every style at \$1.00, \$1.18 and \$1.65



185 prs. ladies' patent colt or vic kid shoes, blucher style only, special for Saturday,

\$1.00

JUST LIKE CUT

165 pairs men's heavy working shoes, worth \$1.50 to \$1.75, our clearance sale price

\$1.00



JUST LIKE CUT

# Sample Shoe Store,

502 Fallowfield Avenue,

Charleroi, Pa.

## LOVE'S DOUBTING.

A Phase of Life Through Which Many Married Women Pass.

The only incidents that marred our happiness were sudden and inexplicable "flare ups." Occasionally, to our amazement, a trifle would make us glare at each other like animals and speak bitterly. Five minutes later we would express our regret and shame. Soon I perceived that these quarrels were due to nerves and to the trials of adjustment. One evening we had an argument that was particularly violent and distressing. It ended by Frank's going to bed. I remained in the seat where I had been reading, and for a long time I pretended to myself that I was going on reading. Presently tears fell on my book. Then I said: "How silly all this is! I am making myself suffer, and I am making Frank suffer too. I will go and tell him that I am sorry." So I stole into the bedroom. He was sleeping peacefully. That little experience, not without humor as I look back on it, made me first realize how differently Frank and I could be affected by the same cause. It marked the beginning of my uneasiness. Soon I stopped reading aloud to Frank; why, I can't remember. Little things disturbed me. At first the thought of them used to be swept away by my delight on seeing Frank in the evening. Then, too, there would come the feeling that those things were accidents and would not occur again. In the second year of our marriage, just after dinner, Frank would read the newspaper till he began to doze. Then he would rouse himself and try to be agreeable. The effort troubled me. There was also the quiet and efficient deciding of little details without reference to my wishes. And here I felt there was danger. Once I said to myself: "Suppose I should tire him, and I grew cold. Then I thought of the moment when I should discover that I was tiring him. Here my sense of humor came to my rescue, and I felt better. I imagine that many women pass through this phase.—American Magazine.

## TIME TO LAUGH.

Some Vaudeville Jokelets Which Age Cannot Withstand.

Vaudeville is known as the "laugh trust," but not for the reason one might think. It gets the phrase because it is a trust in the ability of the performer of devices in its category of acts that control the laughs of its audiences. The same old things are all ways good for a laugh in vaudeville. According to the Bohemian Magazine, a new device, a new bit of "business," a new joke, are all regarded as dangerous by the performers. The following table details some of the time-

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has multiplied five and half times in 6 years. Our receipts for July 1903 were \$990.37. Our receipts last month were \$5,265.00 or five and half times larger. During the same period our membership has increased from 26 to 428 members. Our capital has grown from a few hundred dollars to over \$7,000.00. We have saved thousands of dollars to the citizens of Char-

## The Co-Operative Store

leroi on the price of their goods. Our association has stood as a barrier between the people and high prices. We paid in dividend to our members during the last 5 years \$11,484.65. Can any private business show such result. Co-operation alone has in its power to accomplish such wonder. If you are not a co-operator become one and save for yourself the profits you are now creating for others.

at which a vaudeville audience regularly laughs:

When a comedian walks with a mincing step and speaks in a falsetto voice.

When a German comedian opens his coat and discloses a green waistcoat.

When a comedy acrobat falls down repeatedly.

When a performer asks the orchestra leader if he is a married man.

When a black face comedian says something about chicken.

When a performer starts to rise from a chair and the drummer pulls a resined piece of cord so that the performer thinks his clothes have ripped.

When the drummer suddenly beats the drum during a comedian's song and the latter stops and looks in his direction.

When a tramp comedian turns around and discloses a "rotten" patch or several "rotten" patches or a target sewed on the seat of his trousers.

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favorite" with a sudden death. Zola died suddenly.

"And it is a strange thing," said the psychologist, "that those who prefer a sudden death usually have their preference gratified. It is one of those things which go to show the mind's mysterious power. Who knows but it is this very desire for death, quick, painless, undreaded, which actually causes that happy kind of death? The mind, you know, has a power that we have only just begun to understand."—Philadelphia Bulletin.

Planning Ahead. "Theater parties," said the prospective bride, "will cost about \$200 annually, flowers as much more and bouquets, say, \$100. Certainly we can marry on \$600 a year."

"And have a snug surplus," suggested her dad, "for such incidentals as grub and clothes and house rent."—Philadelphia Bulletin.

Still Possible. "Uncle, can't I be a pirate when I grow up?"

"No, you can't be a pirate when you grow up," said the father.

"Why not?"

"Because pirates are all dead."

"What do you think of this picture?"

"Rotten!"

"Why? It was taken from life."

"Why the artist wasn't?"

"Because he was writing and his

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